

Ways to Add Texture to a Room

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1. **Crown Molding**—comes in a variety of sizes, styles as well as woods, MDF or plaster
2. **Bead Board**--Most can be painted and if made of wood, it can be stained
3. **Coffered ceiling**--a traditional technique used for centuries both in homes and public buildings, where a section of the normal ceiling is recessed or raised by a series of grids. I recommend having at least a 9' ceiling to do this.
4. **Intricate baseboard or large baseboard**—Baseboard that is larger than 6" can add a lot of interest and texture on its own. Even shorter baseboard but one that is more intricate can change the look of a room
5. **Chair rail**—molding on an interior wall that is attached horizontally around the perimeter of a room.
6. **Wallpaper**—wallpaper along can be the texture in the room but many wallpapers have textures built right in. Be careful not to overdo it with your selection. You can also consider just putting wallpaper on one wall.
7. **Unique furniture**—If you feel your room is very simple and boring, a couple of unique pieces of furniture such as a flea market funky lamp, can really bring the space to life
8. **Blankets and throws**—Got an old wool blanket in your linen closet? Try tossing it across an armchair to see how it adds texture and interest to the room.
9. **Light fixtures**—there are so many varieties available. Even pot lights can add texture. Opt for square instead of round, and brushed nickel instead of glossy white. This can completely transform the way a room looks.
10. **Rugs**—Most homes today have hardwood flooring and/or vinyl plank flooring. Putting a throw rug down on top can add a lot of interest and texture to a room.
11. **Paint techniques**—There are so many things you can do with paint to add texture. Paint the wall one colour and then use a sponge to dab paint on top. Use a comb to create a zigzag, checkerboard, wavy lines or swirls in wet paint. Rag rolling or smooching can create beautiful texture. You can also use a stencil roller to create some texture.
12. **Tile**—Create an accent wall that's tiled or add a backsplash in a kitchen or bathroom.
13. **Greenery**—it's surprising the different it makes to add a couple of green plants to a room. Consider air purifying plants for an added benefit.
14. **Cushions**—Consider a patterned cushion on a single coloured sofa or arm chair. What about a few bold, patterned pillows on your bed that has a white duvet on it?
15. **Curtains**—So many of our clients have opted for blinds or no window coverings at all. Consider adding a curtain for some interest and texture.