

Perpetual Bachelor Pad

You can tell much about a man by the home he lives in. If he shares it with a partner, only bits and pieces of his personality may show through. But when he lives alone, every inch of that place should ooze his style. So, instead of just making it a place to drop your things and sleep, make it the place where you can really be you. It is all yours after all.

There are three ways you will spend time in your place:

- Alone
- With Buddies
- Entertaining A Date

So you want to make sure your decor will always have your back. The key is making sure your stylings are multi-functional, so they look great, reflect your taste and will work well in all three ways you will use your casa.

Once you have found a great, albeit empty space, you want to begin where you will spend most of your time, your sofa. According to askmen.com, the first thing you should do is spend some serious cash on a great sofa. Do not consider saving money here, since this is such an important element of your digs.¹

You want to make sure your sofa is comfortable, since you are going to sitting, laying and hanging out on it. Styleathome.com suggests getting a sectional if you are the type that enjoys entertaining with larger groups of friends.² But not too big so that your date is a mile away. Then you can use this piece as the cornerstone of your design.

Storage is another important factor to consider. You are not going to constantly clean up after yourself when you live alone, so you will want a great place to be able to hide stuff when company comes over. Plus, you will want enough places to keep all your equipment and gadgets as well as making sure you hide the behind the scenes wiring that makes it all tick, states Home Designing.³

Speaking of making it tick, another item to not skimp on is what you will be looking at. Whether you are alone, or with guests, chances are you will have the television and stereo on. Plus, many men are judged by the size of their screen. Shave magazine recommends setting the bar at 50 inches, but if you can go bigger, you should. Anything smaller does not a home theater make.⁴ They go on to inform that your sound system should complement your home theater, but only take up a minimal amount of space.

Do not forget about privacy. Since you probably are not planning on putting on a show in your place for the world to see, you will want the option of covering up your windows. SF Gate suggests getting custom window treatments with simple clean lines, in order to create a sleek

and simple look that is very masculine.⁵ That way, they can be custom tailored to match your taste, and serve the purposes of privacy, energy efficiency and adding style.

To really bring your perpetual bachelor pad together, add in some home automation. Techradar goes into detail about all the ways you can control things in your home right from your iPad or iPhone.⁶ From lights and temperature, to the window treatments and locks. How about some remote surveillance when you let a buddy watch your place for you. Or even lighting the fire and setting the mood as soon as you walk in with a date. Romance is not dead, it has just gotten an overhaul. Remember, you are the master of your domain, not just how it looks, but how it works.

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