

Idea Joggers to help identify and choose your wall art!

Part One: answer these idea joggers briefly - but try to name or list at least three per question.

Where have you been (travel, sites, or even future places) that you would like to go back to someday?

Do you have any souvenirs (posters, photos, etc) of this place(s)? Do you know where they are? Make a list of what you have on hand of these.

Who are you fond of that you want to remember often? (Family, friends, historical, other people).

Do you have pictures in storage or on your computer that you have ever thought of displaying? Name some of them in general terms.

Do you have favorite quotes or sayings that mean a lot to you?

Content...check any of these you enjoy. (These are ideas – there are blanks for more)

Sunsets/Sunrises	Clouds	Beach/Tropical	Snow
Mountains	Family Photos	Beach/Tropical	Sunshine
Birds	Flowers	Animals	Landscapes
Rain showers	Trees	Lighthouses	Cityscapes
_____	_____	_____	_____

Styles of art...check any of these that appeal to you: (These are ideas – there are blanks for more)

Southwestern	Abstract	Native American	Mexican
Country	Nautical	Interesting shapes	Realistic
Photographs	Rustic	European	Words on the wall
Architecture	Textures	Collages	Americana
_____	_____	_____	_____

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Types of wall art....check any of these that appeal to you: (These are ideas – there are blanks for more)

Framed	Unframed	Canvas	Prints
Posters	Plaques	Glass	Taxidermy
Photographs	Vinyl shapes/letters	Fabric	Mirrors
Metal	Shadow box	Accessories	Paintings
_____	_____	_____	_____

One more time through these lists:

Go back and put a checkmark by any of these descriptions (in all three areas above) that you already own or have on your walls.

- Any items that end up with two checkmarks (I like this and I have this) will identify your best choices.
- Any that has only one checkmark (I like this but don't have this) indicates that you are open and wanting to explore some new wall art!
- Any that have a checkmark (I don't like this, but I have one) can be given away, yard sale, or other.

WHEW! Did you ever think there were so many choices? Please don't go into overload, this exercise is just for you – to open your thoughts and help you process through them. You'll be able to settle on some great choices soon, stay with me!

Let's see what we have already. Take a walk around, visit your rooms. What wall art items do you already have (that you want to keep)? Give a brief name or title to each piece so you can refer back to them later. You may want to note where they are located if you need a reminder.

Make notes here:

Part Two: taking inventory and finalizing plans.

Digging in.... whenever I go to the beach I reminisce about making sandcastles, or if it's a good day, I get to watch someone already busy making one! To make a good sandcastle, you have to "dig-in" to get down to the moist sand that is able to stick and stand. This type of sand is able to be carved or shaped into a beautiful piece of sculptured art.

Now it's time for you to do the same thing: By spending some thoughtful planning time and digging in, you'll be training yourself to determine the right solutions and choices for your walls. You will want to relax and slowly contemplate here, so pick a non-busy moment in which you can think clearly. Do this exercise with each room – but, it doesn't all have to be at the same time!

One room at a time gets it done! Think of each room as a standalone project as you answer these questions: [Note: It would be best to have a separate paper for each room.] Print as many copies as you need.

Name of room: _____

What is the mood or atmosphere of this room today?

Make notes here:

What do you desire it to be?

Make notes here:

What is the focus of the room in general (used for)?

Make notes here:

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Do you like the art in THIS room (or does it need to move somewhere else)?

Make notes here:

If you do not like the art – take it down now and put it in the giveaway-yard sale-trash pile.

Make notes here:

Decide if you want to add wall art to this room, rearrange, or its OK as is (for now).

Make notes here:

TIP: Wall art rarely is the dominate focal point of any room. You have the freedom to plan your walls on a personal level...to bring emotion or feeling – while adding or complimenting what is already there. If you would like to have something on display that invokes a memory, an encouragement, or a truth, *make a note of that here:*

You are now better equipped to make some excellent choices. As you reference this worksheet, it will give you answers concerning what you like in general and what you would like in specific on your walls. As you proceed, you'll be able to filter out the "noise" of so many choices and random advice that you have heard over the years.

Remember, your walls can have a lot to say either subtly or out loud, you get to choose what that is!

For additional helps and great ideas, go to: www.wallartchoices.com