

9 ways to make your home smell nice



Learning how to make your home smell nice is essential in providing guests with a warm welcome and making your home a pleasant space in which to spend time. Sense of smell is one of the most evocative senses; one fragrance has the power to transport you to another place or time. Therefore, the scent of your home should be given as much consideration as the rest of your interior design.

Of course, there are plenty of obvious ways to make your home smell nice, including lighting the best candles and adding reed diffusers. However, these only provide the finishing touches – you must first look for ways to target bad odors, before adding new fragrances. Below, experts share their top tips for eradicating odors and perfuming your home.

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There are two steps to making your home smell nice. The first is to eradicate bad odors; there is no point in just covering up unwanted smells with artificial ones – you need to get to the source. It may seem obvious but start by keeping your home clean. Use a vacuum with a HEPA filter to remove microparticles from your carpets and soft furnishings, and also ventilate your home by opening all windows at least once a week. Scented cleaners will also help to make your home smell clean and fresh. If bad scents are coming from drains, vents, electric outlets, or similar, get these investigated.

1. PRIORITISE NATURAL ESSENTIAL OILS OVER ARTIFICIAL FRAGRANCES

'Sense of smell is part of the limbic system which processes emotion, supports memory formation, and is strongly linked to your emotional well-being. Read product labels and look for naturally derived scents and cotton wicks in non-paraffin candles to keep your home toxins to a minimum,' advises Kristin Bartone owned owner and principal designer at Bartone Interiors. You can even make a DIY reed diffuser for a cost-effective way to make your home smell nice.

If you are unsure how to find the best home fragrance, start by looking at your favorite perfume. Discover what notes you are drawn to – whether that's floral, citrus, or musk – knowing this will help to guide you toward a home fragrance you're sure to love.