

How To Know When You've Found Your Forever Home

"Forever" isn't as intimidating as you think.



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We're all in search of that elusive forever home—the place we know we can depend on for many years to come, that checks off most of (or even all of) our boxes. But when there's so many homes out there, how do you know which one is "the one"? Simply put, "Finding a forever home is akin to planting a tree and watching it grow," says Lauren Wodicka of LBW Studio in Leesburg, Virginia. But if you need a little more detail, where are the seven signs you've found your forever home.

It Has Good Bones

Unless you have an unlimited budget, you should always strive for a house that has good bones—which means something different to everyone. "Start with a list of wants and needs to evaluate each potential purchase. After touring each property, take some notes about the elements of the home that fall into those categories," Kristin Bartone of [Bartone Interiors](#) in [Chapel Hill, North Carolina](#) advises. Ideally, your forever home only needs [cosmetic upgrades or improvements](#) within the main structure or existing property. "Take special consideration to improvements on the interior that require moving walls, specifically structural walls, as well as plumbing lines," she continues. These updates may seem easy, but if you plan on making structural changes, consult an architect or engineer before making an offer.