



Perfectly Styled Shelves:

A DBK Home Guide

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Lay it All Out There

Remove all items from the shelf and spread them out on the floor where you can see everything.

Group like items together: books, sculptures, art, photos, etc., and in a similar theme or element (such as the color) to weave through the shelving.



The Golden Rule

Create small groupings of objects of varying heights that you can style together on the shelves. The golden "Rule of Thirds" is pleasing to the eye so consider this magic number of items when creating your groups.

Books are Your Friends

Next, start filling open space with books. When there aren't enough books to fill a shelf, lean them to one side and use a sculpture or bookend on the other side, or center the books between objects.





Layer By Layer

Layer details from the back of the shelf forward to give dimension.

A good way to do this is to hang or lean art or framed photos against the back of the shelf and layer objects in front of it.

Triangulate Positions

This is the Rule of Thirds in 3D.

Position items of like colors around the shelf so that they make the three points of a triangle. The repetition will create visual cohesiveness without being overly matchy.



The Small Stuff

Use baskets or shallow bowls to corral smaller items and collectibles.



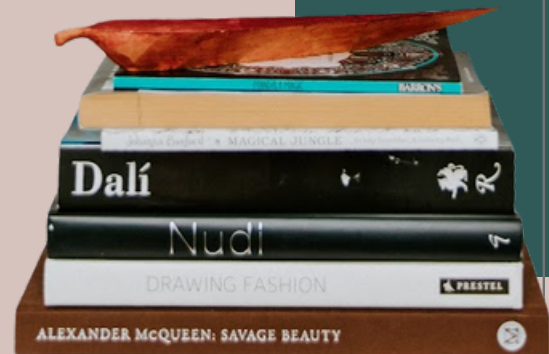
Faux/Real

Bring in a natural element with real or faux greenery, wooden objects, dried flowers, feathers, rocks or shells.



Mix it Up

When in doubt, ensure you have a mix of colors, textures, shapes and sizes. If you have something shiny, you'll need something matte. Something cylindrical? Pair it with a square or cube somewhere. Balance is key! And remember, these changes aren't permanent, so try, try again until it feels right.



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