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## 6 tricks designers use to instantly elevate a dining room

Though dining room ideas can, of course, be pared-back, we don't need reminding of the stark difference between a space that is serenely minimal and one that is simply uninspiring. Elevating your dining room to impressive standards doesn't always need as much effort as you might think.

So we asked interior designers for their best-kept secrets for bringing the spark back to even the most underwhelming of dining rooms. From color schemes to lighting, here's how to make your dining room infinitely more beautiful.

### 1. GIVE IT A FINISH WITH A DIFFERENCE, ON ALL FIVE WALLS



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statement finish can be achieved not just through rich [dining room colors](#), but also via artistic elements and wall coverings with texture:

'Dining rooms are an excellent place to make a statement in a home. To achieve a unique and eye-catching look, we suggest incorporating rich, warm colors, unique wall treatments such as murals, or textured finishes like the grasscloth used in this dining room,' says Schwert.

Hues should feel charming and bring a sense of both comfort and luxury to this space. 'Additionally, don't forget about the ceiling! High gloss lacquer finishes can create a lot of drama and bounce light around the room, while a limewash or plaster finish can create a softer effect,' adds Schwert.

Limewash paint is a beautiful addition to spaces that want a cocooned feel, and Schwert is not the only advocate for creating a more rustic and elevated dining room look in this way: 'Number one for me lately is a lime wash wall finish,' shares Ami McKay, creator of [PURE Design](#). 'It gives any room depth, texture, layers, and visual interest. I am using lime washes and plaster finishes in all of our projects these days,' continues McKay.



**Lisa Schwert**



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