Renter-Friendly Upgrade Checklist

Transform your basic apartment into a custom-feeling home with reversible design upgrades.

Execute these high-impact, non-permanent architectural upgrades to elevate your space. Follow this room-by-room sequence to ensure a professional, tailored finish.



Key Upgrade Measurements

1/2 in
Clearance from track to the floorboards

2 in
Extra fabric for a relaxed puddle

5 in
Height above the picture frame edge

6 in
Deliberate gap behind the floating seating

12-18 in
Original floor exposed around the perimeter

36 in
Minimum clearance in primary walkways

2 coats
Wall paint to disguise plastic channels

Work Top to Bottom

Execute these upgrades from the ceiling down to the floor to minimize mess and prevent dust from settling on your fresh textiles and new rugs.

Step-by-Step Action Plan

1. **Ceiling-track drapes** Measure ceiling width. Mount lightweight PVC tracks to fake custom architecture, leaving clearance for an effortless hem.
2. **Plug-in picture light** Order remote bulbs. Center fixture above art for gallery warmth, hiding the battery pack behind the canvas.
3. **Float sofa out** Pull seating away from drywall for breathing room. Secure the gap with heavy-duty rubber furniture cups.
4. **Cord-cover baseboards** Cut and adhere channels to hide wires. Sand and paint them to mimic expensive custom millwork.
5. **Oversized sisal rug** Unroll over a felted pad to

Choose Your Bulb Temperature

Find your row: **Your framed art medium**

Your framed art medium	Your pick	Why
Vintage oil paintings	2700K	Casts a warm amber glow
Modern photography	3000K	Provides a crisp soft white
Living space artworks	Avoid 4000K	Prevents a harsh blue tint

Check Before You Install

- ◯ Check anchor packaging for the correct weight rating for your ceiling type.
- ◯ Verify your existing baseboard profile to choose a matching cord cover shape.
- ◯ Ensure you have an outlet below art or order battery-operated pucks.
- ◯ Confirm your window treatments use unlined linen blends and pinch-pleat headers.
- ◯ Map the deliberate floor gap with painter's tape before moving heavy seating.

Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy your beautifully customized, breathable new space—without losing your security deposit!