

The Boho Swap-or-Splurge List

12 strategic swaps to build a sunlit, attainable boho living room

Confidently mix thrifted swaps with strategic splurges using this complete high-low styling guide. Track your budget and achieve visual balance without sacrificing quality.

● High-Low Styling Metrics

80/20

Budget ratio for your total spend

50,000+

Double-rub rating for daily seating

4 in

Hook tape grips jute securely

30 mins

Soak so damp cane dries taut

5-7

Plumes per vase; cool-air pampas fluff

1c : 1tbsp

Paint + baking soda for terracotta



Layering Rugs Safely

Always ensure seating front legs rest entirely on the kilim. Contrast a flatweave top with a thick jute base to create visual depth and prevent tripping hazards.

● DIY Swap Techniques

- 1 Secure Layered Rugs** Apply hook tape to underside corners of the kilim so it grips the jute base securely.
- 2 Upcycle Cane Sideboard** Staple damp cane webbing to interior door frames; as moisture evaporates, it dries drum-tight.
- 3 Fluff Pampas Grass** Use a hair dryer on the cool-air setting to safely expand stems without excessive shedding.
- 4 Fake Terracotta Finish** Apply the gritty paint and baking soda mixture with overlapping stippling motions using a stiff brush.

● Find Your Boho Mood

Find your row: **Your lighting and style**

Your lighting and style	Your pick	Why
Dark walls & low light	Moody Boho Lounge	Jewel-toned kilims pop against charcoal
Pale woods & strict neutrals	Desert Minimalist Boho	Cleaner look with sand jute
Beachside feel & tropical greens	Coastal Boho Sunroom	Bleached cane and indigo shibori
Maximalist with mismatched seating	Vintage Eclectic Boho	Colorful Persian rugs and distressed paint

● Before You Source or Buy

- ☐ Measure exact room dimensions and tape out the rug placement.
- ☐ Verify seating front legs will rest entirely on the top layer.
- ☐ Check manufacturer tags to ensure sofa fabric meets durability ratings.
- ☐ Test sofa frames for kiln-dried hardwood construction to prevent sagging.
- ☐ Check local thrift stores for solid wood frames before buying new.

● 12-Swap List: Decor & DIY

- ☐ Natural cane webbing for sideboard door inserts
- ☐ Heavy ceramic floor vase for vertical volume
- ☐ Tall dried pampas plumes to fill empty corners
- ☐ Cheap plastic planters and a stiff-bristled brush
- ☐ Matte rust-colored paint and baking soda
- ☐ Fastening tape to secure layered rugs safely

● Room Measurements & Notes

● 12-Swap List: Furniture & Rugs

- ☐ Solid cream or oatmeal performance linen sofa
- ☐ Chunky natural jute base rug (e.g., 8x10 foot)
- ☐ Vintage flatweave kilim top rug (e.g., 5x8 foot)
- ☐ Felt rug pad to protect your hardwood floors
- ☐ Thrifted wooden accent tables for textural contrast
- ☐ Thrifted wooden sideboard for cane upcycling

Enjoy hunting for those perfect thrifted pieces to complete your sunlit boho space!