

Apartment Checklist

Living room

- ☐ Sofa or armchair
- ☐ Coffee table
- ☐ Rug
- ☐ Floor or table lamp
- ☐ Curtains/blinds
- ☐ Mirror

Bedroom

- ☐ Bed & mattress
- ☐ Bedding set
- ☐ Bedside table
- ☐ Dresser or storage
- ☐ Full-length mirror
- ☐ Laundry basket

Kitchen

- ☐ Plates, bowls, mugs
- ☐ Cutlery
- ☐ Pots & pans
- ☐ Dish rack
- ☐ Trash can
- ☐ Small appliances (kettle, toaster, etc.)

Bathroom

- ☐ Shower curtain + rings
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Bath mat
- ☐ Storage caddy
- ☐ Toilet brush & plunger
- ☐ Hand soap dispenser

Miscellaneous Must-Haves

Cleaning & Household

- ☐ Broom & dustpan
- ☐ Mop or Swiffer
- ☐ Vacuum (compact or cordless)
- ☐ All-purpose cleaner
- ☐ Microfiber cloths
- ☐ Sponges & dish scrubbers
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Laundry detergent & fabric softener
- ☐ Lint roller
- ☐ Toilet brush
- ☐ Plunger
- ☐ Air freshener or diffuser

Tech & Utilities

- ☐ Extension cords
- ☐ Power strips
- ☐ Extra phone charger
- ☐ Light bulbs (various types)
- ☐ Batteries (AA, AAA, etc.)
- ☐ Surge protector
- ☐ Ethernet cable (if needed)

Home Comforts

- ☐ Scented candles
- ☐ Blanket/throw for guests
- ☐ Coasters
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Reusable shopping bags
- ☐ Door mat (indoor & outdoor)
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Basic medication (painkillers, allergy meds)
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Extra set of keys
- ☐ Storage bins or baskets

Bonus Tips

1. Use Mirrors to Open Up Space

One of the best things I did was add a mirror across from my window—it instantly made the room feel brighter and more open. **Round mirrors** give a soft, modern vibe, while **arched mirrors** add elegance and a graceful, elevated feel. It's a simple change that brings light, depth, and personality to your space.

2. Stick to a Color Palette

I went with light neutrals and soft pinks to create a calming, cozy feel. Sticking to 2–3 main colors helps your space feel cohesive—especially in small apartments where everything is in view at once.

3. Storage Can Be Cute and Functional

I ordered a set of neutral woven baskets from Amazon, and they've been such a game changer. I use them for throws, random cables, and even skincare backups—but they still look styled and intentional. Think: under-bed bins, shelf baskets, or stackable boxes that match your aesthetic.

4. Don't Buy Everything at Once

I know it's tempting to get everything immediately, but taking your time is key. Start with the essentials—your bed, a lamp, a cozy rug—and let your space evolve. The more time you spend in it, the clearer your needs become.

5. Always Check Measurements (Seriously)

Online photos can be super misleading. I once ordered a side table that looked full-sized but turned out to be barely big enough for a mug and my phone. Don't skip the measurements—double-check them against your space before clicking "buy."

6. Don't Skip the Rug

A rug instantly pulls a room together and adds warmth—especially if you have tile or wood floors. Even a small or affordable rug can help define your space, soften sound, and add that cozy, “finished” feeling. Trust me: a rug makes it feel like home.