

10 things you should ignore while house hunting

1. A home's age

Quality materials, classic style, charm and inherent character can be hard to find in newer builds.

2. Paint colors

Repainting is cheap, easy and fast. Focus on the structure of the room, window placement, and other permanent features.

3. Wonky wallpaper

It might take a little elbow grease, but wallpaper is easily replaced or covered.

4. Kitchen appliances

If you leave room in the budget for new features, that avocado-green fridge shouldn't be a deal breaker.

5. Hardware

Drawer pulls, doorknobs and sconces are simple to update, so don't let ugly ones deter you from seeing an otherwise charming room.

6. Questionable carpet

Don't cross a home off your list because of ho-hum flooring. You have many options for replacing it that won't break the bank.

7. Funky odors

Except for a serious mold problem, most smells can be eliminated with a powerful deep cleaning.

8. Curb appeal

Your agent brought you to the home for a reason: find it! Envision different landscaping or a tidy porch and you just might see the home of your dreams.

9. Popcorn ceilings

Removing that crud can be messy and pricey, but it's worth doing.

10. Lack of privacy

Fences and hedges make great neighbors. Your agent might also have ideas about possible solutions.



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