



Beauty is in the details: accessorize your windows with trims and tassels.

Most likely, there's been a time you've walked into your home and wished it had a bit more sophistication. We've all been there. However, we usually shrug our shoulders and go about our business: living luxuriously costs a lot of money, after all. Here's news: creating an ornate space doesn't have to be difficult or break the bank. With trims and tassels, your home can go from ordinary to extraordinary in a few easy steps.

Trims and tassels offer several benefits:

- They make the design of your home look customized.
- They increase the aesthetic appeal and add the "something extra" your interior craves.
- The perceived value of your space increases with the added ornamental flare.



Trims include piping, ruffles, fringe, banding, and cords made for embellishment of more basic fabrics. Today, I'll discuss three types of trims and tassels and how to incorporate them into your interior design.

1. Tassels

Tassels offer instant elegance to your window treatments and accessories. Tassels are attached to a decorative edging that's usually top-stitched onto the window treatment. It can also be inserted into two layers of fabric and machine sewn in. In addition, new varieties have self-adhesive and can be ironed into place. Tassels are a great option if a treatment has already been made, as it's easy to add.

2. Beaded Trim

Great on window treatments or the bottom of lampshades, beaded trim offers both opulence and originality. The beads are also great because they reflect light

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and help create a warm, welcoming ambiance. Beads are attached to a flat tape that must be inserted into a seam. While sewing, make sure beads don't jump into your path: they will break your needle if you hit them.

3. Fringe (or brush fringe)

If you're looking to add a sense of softness to your room, think about adding fringe: it looks like a fluffy brush. Fringe is great on pillows and the bottom of valances or curtains and comes in a variety of colors. Fringe is inserted between two layers of fabric and is held in place by a nylon thread while you're sewing.

In addition to the trims and tassels discussed here, there are literally countless options available at your local fabric store. Be sure to choose a trim that compliments your space and aesthetic and is similar in weight to the fabric you're going to decorate.

When you're done, you'll never have to walk in your house and wish for "that something extra" again: adding a bit of fringe to a pillow or a tassel to a window treatment creates the luxurious atmosphere you've always wanted.