

How to update an outdated dining room — 9 ways to transform this key space

Our design experts share top tips on how to update an outdated dining room



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6. ADD COLOR AND PATTERN WITH A RUG



(Image credit: Imparfait Design Studio)

Rugs should be one of your best friend's in your home, not only do they keep pesky draughts at bay if you have wooden flooring, but they pull a scheme together too, not to mention the decorative aspect.

"Rather than replacing all of the furniture in your dining room, hold onto the more substantial pieces — like the dining table — and introduce some fresh pieces to give the space new life. This can often be done by swapping out an old rug or adding a more modern light fixture," says Rebekah Zaveloff, co-founder and creative director, [Imparfait Design Studio](#).

If like the *Real Homes* team you're a fan of Bridgerton, check out the new scorching [Bridgerton x Ruggable collection](#) including beautiful rugs bringing together regency and modern designs.

The [best dining room rug](#) you can afford will bring a welcome refresh to this space, but do remember to choose the right size. A good rule of thumb is the rug needs to be bigger than the table and chairs combined.



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