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# 'Game of Thrones' Style Touches for the House

Whether you live in Westeros or West Hollywood, these 9 grand features will make you feel like royalty



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On Sunday, July 16, 2017, HBO's *Game of Thrones* returns to television screens for an all-too-short seventh season. If you want the wonders of Westeros to last all year, consider surrounding yourself with decor fit for King's Landing. The lands of Westeros and beyond may be fictional, but the designs featured in the show can be found right here on Earth. Here are nine elements that would bring Seven Kingdoms style to your home.



**1. Divans.** In Roman times, a triclinium was the name for a formal dining room, which often contained low, backless sofas or divans that guests reclined on to eat their meals. Here we see Varys sitting on a divan while offering his wise counsel.

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Today, divans are much more likely to be found in living rooms than dining rooms. But as this traditional living room in New York City shows, they still make a sophisticated seating option. Also, since divans typically have no backs, large items like this



ornate mirror can be placed behind them.



**2. Partners desks.** A large desk that can comfortably accommodate two people is a great option for business partners or, in the case of Cersei and Jaime Lannister, uncomfortably close siblings.

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Here we see an antique partners desk in a grand wood-paneled office in Dallas. Whether used with a partner or not, a large desk like this provides ample space for functional and decorative items, such as table lamps and objets d'art.



**3. Tables with decanters.** When walking around a room planning out your next move, as Tyrion Lannister is known to do, you can pause at a small table topped with a decanter to refill a glass with your favorite libation.





Even if you're not scheming to take your rightful seat on the Iron Throne, a table topped with decanters is still a lovely amenity. This elegant living room includes a small round table topped with a trio of crystal decanters offering a selection of liquors.



**4. Standing candelabra.** Standing branched candlesticks were like floor lamps before electricity. When candles were the main option for illuminating a room, the ways to display them ranged widely. Sconces, candelabra and decorative lanterns filled with candles all were commonly used to light up a space.

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Today, incorporating a standing candelabrum is still an elegant way to add old-world charm to a home. Here we see an ornate metal example that has been wired for an electric candle.



5. **Stone fireplaces.** Whether one lives in rugged Winterfell or refined Highgarden, a stone fireplace is a standard necessity for heating homes and cooking throughout Westeros.

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This original stone fireplace is in a restored 18th-century farmhouse in Philadelphia. A large stone hearth still creates an inspired focal point in any style of home, especially when winter is coming.



**6. Soaking tubs.** Since showers have yet to appear on *Game of Thrones*, it seems safe to assume that a soaking tub, such as this wood one, is about as good as it gets when it comes to bathing in the Seven Kingdoms.

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Although some homeowners forgo tubs in their bathrooms today, a free-standing one is still a desirable amenity for many. This chic wood soaking tub in Nashville, Tennessee, harks back to an earlier time, but with the convenience of modern plumbing, there's no need to fill it up with buckets of steaming water.



**7. Rooftop terraces.** In arid Dorne, in the southernmost region of Westeros, a rooftop terrace filled with potted plants and living walls brings in lush greenery and provides shade from the sun.

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Similarly, in an urban high-rise with no yard, a rooftop terrace like this one in London is often the only place to create a lush garden escape.



**8. Courtyard fountains.** A romantic tryst in a courtyard garden is a scene that has played out more than a few times on *Game of Thrones*. And often an ornate stone fountain is somewhere nearby. Perhaps that's because the sound of running water can conceal those whispered sweet nothings from eavesdroppers.

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This Dallas property was completed in 2012, but the craftsmanship and custom details evident in the courtyard's hand-carved stone fountain provide a timeless feel and a romantic vibe still apt to beckon young lovers.



**9. Reflecting pools.** These shallow pools of water originated in ancient Persian gardens, but they're now found throughout the world. They range from birdbath size to that of grand civic features like the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in Washington, D.C.

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This reflecting pool on an estate on Minnesota's Lake Minnetonka provides a sense of serene grandeur fit for the Queen of Dragons.

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