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10 Ways to Update an Exposed Brick Wall—Beyond Just Painting It

You have so many options, from hanging large-scale art to adding a rug, say interior designers.

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Exposed brick walls have an enthusiastic fan base thanks to their warm, vintage-inspired look. Here's the thing: Though they give your home a lived-in, old-world aesthetic, they can also stand in the way of other décor opportunities. The prospect of [taking a nail to brick](#) is intimidating—and often, there doesn't seem to be an obvious way to make this wall type feel fresh and modern without breaking out a gallon of (white) paint.

In reality, there are more than a few ways to update interior brick, from [using art and molding](#) to opting for eye-catching patterns if you're installing it for the first time. Here, five interior designers share their best suggestions.

Use More Brick



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While one wall is nice, more is better. [Erin Sander of Erin Sander Design](#) recommends creating an outside-in approach to your entryway design by wrapping brick into the foyer. "The wrapped brick welcomes you into the home with continuous, clean lines, while adding texture and dimension," says Sander. Sander also explains that using brick from floor to ceiling can create a beautiful line of sight while elongating your home.