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6 Things to Consider When It's Time to Move in Together

Moving in together before marriage is a [rising trend](#) among [couples](#), and combining lives in such a physical way can be a bit of challenge sometimes. Couples often feel a lot of anxiety about moving in together, especially if they are worried they might be moving in together too soon.

The great news is you'll be spending more time with your significant other than you ever have before without the hassle of organizing dates and bringing overnight bags. At the same time, sharing your space with your S.O. also means adjusting to daily life together, with all its surprising ups and downs.

When you consider moving in with your S.O., be aware that many compromises and changes will have to be made to live in peace and harmony. Take a should we [move in together](#) quiz if you need to, but if you know it's the right thing for your relationship, here are a few things to consider when it's time to move in together!

1) Look for the new place together

When it comes to moving in together, the house or apartment hunt can be equally stressful, exciting and frustrating. At times it can feel like you'll never find the right place that is in your budget and ticks all those boxes on your wish list, especially if you are moving in together with kids.

Looking at potential homes with your partner is a great way to build a clear understanding how both of your expectations and hopes for your future space. If you have anxiety about moving in together you might consider the search as a way to ease concerns and spend time together.

Searching for a home together allows you and your partner to talk about how you might visualize or decorate spaces, and to detail your deal-breakers and must-haves in a home. These are often different for everyone, and assuming that because you know your S.O. you also know what they want in a home can lead to disappointment down the line. Going about the process together allows an equal share of the work but also of the excitement that comes with planning out your lives in a new space.

Moreover, looking for your new home together ensures that it doesn't feel like one person has more claim to the space than the other. Couples often choose to look for a new home rather than both moving into one partner's current home for just this reason. Both of you need to feel like the new place is equally yours, and being equally involved in the search is a good way to go about this.

If one of you has more time to look at houses or apartments than the other, be sure to take lots of pictures so you can gauge their interest when you talk about what you saw. Also, ask your partner to write their wish-list and you can add to it when you hear them say something they hate or love that isn't on the list.

2) Compromise on design

Once you've found your future home, the impulse might be to imagine all of your own belongings in the new space without much regard for the items your partner also already has to bring along. Figuring out how to bring your two styles together can be challenging as design is often deeply personal, but it can also be tons of fun!

A great, low-cost way to figure out how the two of you can complement one another stylistically is to browse Pinterest or home design sites together and talk about what you like and don't like. Remember that what you bring into your new home doesn't have to stay there forever, and chances are both of your styles will change and evolve as you spend time in the space.

Try to keep in mind that you're moving in together because you want to share your lives, and try to be thoughtful when voicing opinions on your S.O.'s belongings, no matter how tacky they might seem to you.

3) Consider how much storage space you have

Not only can moving in mean compromising on style, it also often means adjusting to less space for your belongings. Even if the place you move to is a bit bigger than your solo-home, odds are you'll be pressed for space and storage no matter what when you combine two households.

To avoid the frustration of having lack of space, measure your storage space in the new house and calculate how much stuff you can fit on it. Then go on a de-cluttering spree and get rid of everything you don't really need to bring along. Or perhaps, you can try [Livable!](#)

4) Divide housework fairly

While moving in is a great solution in terms of budget savings, you have to consider the housework and all the hassle that comes with it. As odd as it sounds, people generally prefer some chores over others. For example, if you can't stand doing the laundry but don't mind doing dishes, offer to be in charge of dish-duty and ask your S.O. to be in charge of laundry.

Rather than splitting the housework down the middle, as in everyone do their own laundry and their own dishes, [compromising and adjusting chore duties](#) according to each person is a great way to reduce animosity and increase productivity. It also generates a feeling of closeness between partners as individual tasks become communal.

5) Plan your finances in advance

Now that you are living together, you'll need to figure out how to address your shared bills. This is arguably one of those questions to ask before moving in together, but it might now be time to ask your partner about finances.

This is a deeply personal decision and could be based on relative income of each partner, or maybe on daily duties one person has that the other doesn't. Regardless of how you decide to deal with your utilities and other house-related costs, it's important to be as clear as possible beforehand to avoid unaddressed resentment or unmet expectations.

6) Enjoy your time together!

You've finally come to that amazing point where you can be with your partner all the time! You know you were ready to move in together, and by following these tips for moving in together you've hopefully had a great time getting here! So, make the best of this awesome time and enjoy every single moment!

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