

Yurt Interior Design Tips

Thinking outside the box—it's more than just a metaphor when you're designing yurt interiors. The iconic structure known as a yurt is circular. How can yurt owners maximize livability while showcasing the airy, wide-open sensation of walking into a yurt? Here are a few tips on how to do just that.

✓ 1. ADD A BATHROOM AND KITCHEN

To the modern eye, dwellings without bathing and cooking amenities are considered rustic. There are many ways to add a bathroom or a kitchen in a yurt. While some people prefer to keep the interior of their yurt completely open and have a bathroom facility adjacent to the structure, many will choose to partition the space instead. Add an interior wall with the bathroom and kitchen on either side. Then you can easily run plumbing and electricity up through the partition.



✓ 2. LOOK UP

The radial rafter design and sweeping roof of a yurt is irresistible. Why not enjoy the ceiling of your yurt while also adding a sleeping and/or storage space? Adding a loft over a kitchen, office, or bathroom is a great way to extend your living area. Enjoy starlight through your yurt's skylight as you fall asleep. Provide privacy while still living within a tiny carbon footprint. Be sure to limit the loft size to occupy no more than a third of your square footage, to maintain the sense of spaciousness.



✓ 3. CREATE DISTINCT ZONES

Define a space for conversation with an eye-catching rug, complimentary couch and coffee table, and overhead lighting. A coatrack and bench with cubbies can suffice for an entry zone. And a comfortable recliner with a freestanding lamp makes a great space for reflection, reading, and relaxation. Be flexible—the wide-open design of a yurt opens limitless possibilities for furniture placement.



Electrical, plumbing, and heating/cooling elements can be added to your loft after its basic structure is in place. Avoid anchoring partition walls or other supports to the yurt's rafters. Other than these two basic guidelines, the sky really is the limit when you're decorating your yurt. Whatever components you add, let your own style preferences guide you toward a comfortable, beautiful home. Get more interior design ideas from our [downloads section](#) on the website.