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Ask the Agent: This Month's Question

I understand that having a focal point in a room helps buyers feel at home. How can I best create one?

Some rooms have natural focal points, such as a fireplace, architectural details or a picture window with a view.

But if your room has none of these, you could try placing a large piece of furniture such as an armoire or a tall bookcase along one wall, using an ornate mirror or large painting, or adding a table with your favourite collectibles arranged on it.

If you have a large, flat-screen television, this might make a suitable focal point, but many people prefer not to make a TV the centre of attention, as it can look unattractive when switched off.

The focal point doesn't have to be on the wall - an area rug placed under a coffee table can also work well. A fireplace is perhaps the best focal point in a living room. To accent it further, place a painting or mirror above the hearth.

The Secret to Good Chocolate!



The magic of chocolate is all about the senses.

Take, for example, the snapping sound it makes when you break a piece off. That indicates it's well-tempered chocolate with high cocoa content.

Then there's the feel of it. Good chocolate shouldn't feel waxy or rough. It should melt in your mouth, literally.

Pros categorize chocolate aromas using a whole host of descriptors such as nutty, spicy, sweet and earthy. They can taste its initial flavours, middle notes and finishes.

All factors considered, though, the most important sense of all is the way you feel when you eat it.

As one blogger puts it: "Does it really matter? It makes me feel happy."

That's the real magic of chocolate.

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- Desirable Bedford Landing!
- 3 bathroom, 3 bathroom
- Parklane Cedarmill Plan "B"
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