

10 Things You Should Ignore While House Hunting

1 A home's age

- Quality materials, classic style, charm and inherent character can be hard to find in newer builds.

2 Paint colors

- Repainting is cheap, easy and fast. Focus on the structure of the room, window placement, and other permanent features.

3 Wonky wallpaper

- It might take a little elbow grease, but wallpaper is easily replaced or covered.

4 Kitchen appliances

- If you leave room in the budget for new features, that avocado-green fridge shouldn't be a deal breaker.

5 Hardware

- Drawer pulls, doorknobs and sconces are simple to update, so don't let ugly ones deter you from seeing an otherwise charming room.

6 Questionable carpet

- Don't cross a home off your list because of ho-hum flooring. You have many options for replacing it that won't break the bank.

7 Funky odors

- Except for a serious mold problem, most smells can be eliminated with a powerful deep cleaning.

8 Curb appeal

- Your agent brought you to the home for a reason: find it! Envision different landscaping or a tidy porch and you just might see the home of your dreams.

9 Popcorn ceilings

- Removing that crud can be messy and pricey, but it's worth doing.

10 Lack of privacy

- Fences and hedges make great neighbors. Your agent might also have ideas about possible solutions.

