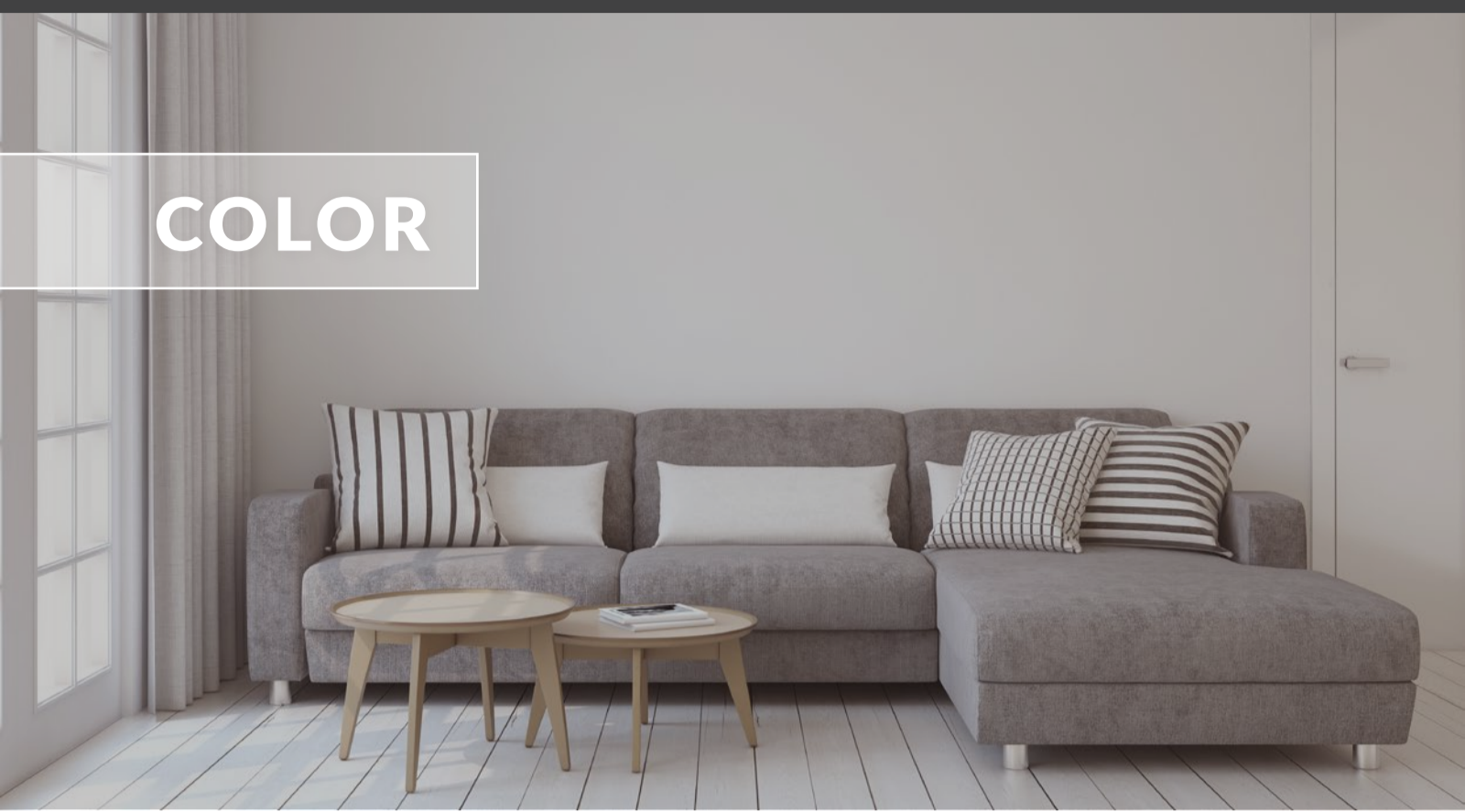# Making *Your* Small *Place* FEEL LIKE A BIG SPACE

Use these ideas for color, texture, and patterns to make your living space feel larger

COLOR

- Choose light colors for walls and floors to make the room feel more open and airy.
- Color-code items on shelves to create an organized look. Arrange those items with the darkest at the bottom and lightest at the top.
- Use different shades of the same color in the room to make the space feel more open.
- Paint your ceiling a darker color to create depth and draw the eye upward.
- If you have drapes or window curtains, use the same color as your walls.

TEXTURE

- Cluttered shelves and tables make a space feel cramped, so keep them as clear as possible.
- Use floor-to-ceiling bookcases or shelves to provide the feeling of height.
- Use glass tables and shelves that reflect light and give the impression that spaces are larger.
- Choose furniture pieces with long, thin legs that allow you to see more space underneath them.
- Hang curtains and drapes of light, gauzy fabrics (rather than heavy fabrics) to make rooms feel larger.

PATTERNS

- Choose rugs and carpeting with stripes to make floor space feel longer.
- Cover walls with vertical shiplap to help accentuate the height of the ceilings.
- Alternatively, use horizontal shiplap to help a narrow room feel wider.
- Add mirrors and reflective surfaces to help create the illusion of depth and additional space.
- Keep any decorative accents relatively small so they don't overwhelm the room.