

The Hide the Pipes Checklist

Exposed pipes on a rental wall: try the free fixes, measure, then add only what you need

1. Find What Bugs You Most

- Is it the long vertical pipe next to the couch?
- Is it the messy hole where the pipe meets the wall or floor?
- Is it a pipe run across a corner?
- Is the pipe hot (heating) or cool (water, drain)?
- Can you reach every valve and joint right now?

2. Free Fixes (No Shopping)

- Paint the cool pipe the same colour as the wall.
- Stand a tall plant in front of a vertical run.
- Hang a curtain panel on a tension rod across a corner run, away from heat.
- Place a bookshelf in front, with a gap behind it.

3. Measure Before You Buy

What	How to measure	Your number
Pipe width	Outside width of the pipe in inches or mm	
Pipe length	Floor to where the run ends	
Sticks out	How far the pipe sits from the wall	
Corner space	Width of the corner and clearance	
Valve access	Mark every valve and joint you must reach	

4. Match the Problem to the Fix

Problem	Try this	Check first
Messy hole at wall or floor	Self-adhesive split flange	Pipe width and ring size
Cool pipe looks harsh	Ivy garland wrap	Keep away from hot pipes
Tall vertical run by the couch	Tall faux plant	Canopy width, gap from heat
Corner run plus no storage	Narrow corner bookcase	Pipe depth and valve access
Not sure yet	Do the free fixes for one week	Then decide

5. Safety and Access Checklist

- Never fully enclose a hot heating pipe with anything flammable.
- Keep fabric, leaves and plastic a few inches from hot pipes.
- Leave a clear way to reach valves and joints.
- Check your lease before drilling holes.
- Ask your landlord if you are unsure about a gas pipe.

6. Hide the Pipes Budget

Item	Budget	Priority (1 to 3)	Bought?
Wall split flange			
Ivy garland			
Faux olive tree			
Corner bookcase			
Total			