Your First Apartment Together: Room-by-Room Checklist

Review the tasks together. Write a name in the Who column and mark Done when complete. Cross out anything that does not apply. Add apartment-specific details beside the relevant task, and keep a separate list of purchases that can wait.

Area	Task	Who	Done
Before the move	Measure rooms, furniture, and the route into the apartment.		
Before the move	Compare belongings and decide what stays.		
Before the move	Choose places for each person's meaningful belongings.		
Before the move	Set aside unresolved items and choose a review date.		
Before the move	Check building rules, move-in access, and contacts.		
Before the move	Assign transportation, helpers, utilities, and internet setup.		
Before the move	Agree on initial purchases and a shopping budget.		
Move-in day	Record existing damage and follow the building's reporting process.		

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Move-in day	Keep first-night essentials accessible; make the bed and stock the bathroom.		
Move-in day	Check alarms using building instructions and locate emergency information.		
Entryway	Choose spots for keys, shoes, coats, and bags.		
Entryway	Set up mail and outgoing-item storage; agree on shoes indoors.		
Kitchen	Choose cookware, counter appliances, and cabinet locations.		
Kitchen	Check dishes, utensils, pots, pans, knives, and cooking tools.		
Kitchen	Gather food containers, oven mitts, dish supplies, and bins.		
Kitchen	Confirm fire-safety equipment, location, and instructions.		

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Kitchen	Agree on shared food, personal food, cooking, and cleanup.		
Living room	Test the furniture layout and keep walking routes clear.		
Living room	Check lighting, privacy coverings, and places for loose items.		
Living room	Choose wall placements and discuss competing uses of the room.		
Bedroom	Choose the bed, check sheet sizes, and arrange bedding.		
Bedroom	Set up bedside essentials and discuss sleep schedules.		
Bedroom	Divide clothing storage and place hampers.		
Bathroom	Agree on morning access, shelves, shower storage, and towel spots.		

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Bathroom	Check towels, bath mat, shower supplies, soap, and toilet paper.		
Bathroom	Gather a plunger, toilet brush, trash can, and first-aid supplies.		
Laundry and cleaning	Check laundry access, payment, products, and drying space.		
Laundry and cleaning	Combine suitable cleaning equipment and store products as labeled.		
Laundry and cleaning	Assign recurring chores, define completion, and schedule a review.		
Work corner	Choose work spots and check internet access and outlets.		
Work corner	Plan for simultaneous calls and after-work equipment storage.		
Storage	Assign homes for linens, seasonal belongings, hobbies, and suitcases.		

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Storage	Combine tools and choose a place for household extras.		
Outdoor space	Check building rules, measure, and plan weather-sensitive storage.		
Shared systems	List recurring bills, due dates, payment responsibilities, and cost split.		
Shared systems	Choose shared lists, a calendar method, and document storage.		
Shared systems	Agree on visitors, overnight guests, and time alone at home.		
One month in	Review storage, chores, missing essentials, and unresolved belongings.		