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If supersaturation feels all wet to you, try smaller splashes of color on accessories, architectural details and more



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Accent colors make all the difference in a home's palette, adding dimension and visual interest. Your favorite accent colors can take center stage, while others fade into the background, but both are important.

Use accent colors to emphasize certain elements, create focal pieces and draw the eye around a room. Not sure where to start? Here are eight excellent places for splashes of color.



Accessories and paint. Sometimes an accent color just doesn't feel right on the walls. This designer painted the window frame over the sink to create an instant focal point, and found accessories in the same hue to show off behind the glass cabinet doors.

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Cabinet finishes. If you have upper and lower cabinets, paint some of them. A natural wood finish is the predominant hue in this kitchen's palette, but the sage-green upper cabinets draw the eye above the sink. Note how the butcher block island is painted in the same hue for a harmonious design.



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Upholstery. A monochromatic design can be beautiful, but playing with unconventional colors will give your room a lively look. Choosing playful colors on select pieces of upholstery is a great way to do this. I love how the bright fuchsia on the dining chairs and living room chair ties the two adjacent spaces together here.



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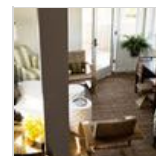
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Artwork. With the right accent color, dark wood floors and black leather furniture feel less like they belong in a bachelor pad. Use artwork to accent more neutral rooms, like this, since it can be switched out easily for another color or a neutral later on.

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Tile. White tile looks clean in bathrooms, but it can feel slightly boring. Find an accent tile in one of your favorite colors and install a decorative strip of it. This colored tile was installed in a vertical band from floor to ceiling for a small but powerful design element.



Lighting. Good lighting can make all the difference in how a room looks. Why not take it a step further and use your fixtures to emphasize an accent color?

The chic red pendant and



matching sconces in this room match a subtle pencil-line detail around the center table, pulling the interior design together.



Pillows. A few colorful, well-placed throw pillows could be all the color you need. This is an easy way to add color without a major investment of time or money. Scatter throw pillows on the floor, sofas or chairs, using colors that connect with the other textiles in the room.



Rugs. Use a [colorful area rug](#) to anchor your space and define your accent color. This large pastel area rug stands out against the solid sofa but coordinates with the throw pillows, for a balanced and harmonious space.

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What white is the most popular right now for a loft space, that has cement ceilings and floors. There's so much gray, but in the kitchen area there's golden speckled granite, with gray and light natural cabinets. Help

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Flowers can be expensive from week to week, but large house plants add wonderful shades of green, with blue and grey overtones. Hanging baskets, macramé plant holders come in different colours too. Great idea book - thanks!

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Dial up the zest at mealtimes with doses of snappy orange on dining room walls and furniture



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Orange is a high-energy, fun and friendly color, so it's perfect for the room where we break bread with family and friends. Orange oozes confidence. But for those who lack the confidence to test this outgoing hue in their own spaces, I've gathered together 10 tasty orange dining rooms to inspire you, along with tips on how to successfully incorporate this fun-loving color.



Orange can quickly turn pastel if you opt for a lighter shade. To get a more sophisticated-looking (and dining room-worthy) light orange, pick a hue that has some brown in it, such as the first and third paint colors shown here.

Orange paint picks for dining rooms (clockwise from top left):

1. Sea of Sand KM3540-1, Kelly-Moore Paints
2. Mandarin 121-6, Pittsburgh Paints
3. Peach Sorbet 2015-40, Benjamin Moore

Benjamin Moore

4. Ripe Pomegranate 2009-3, Valspar
5. Shanghai AO410, Glidden
6. Orange Nasturtium 103-6, Mythic Paint
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The easiest way to bring bold orange into your dining room is to pick a hue you like and paint a wall or two. Having trouble selecting the right orange? Pull a shade out of a favorite painting or upholstery fabric. It's likely a color you are drawn to, and it will coordinate well with the decorative item that inspired it.

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A red-orange like this one is not for the timid. Make it work by keeping the other colors in the room light and neutral. I'd also recommend limiting the number of attention-getting accessories; otherwise the space can become overwhelming.



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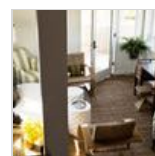
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Can't decide on or afford artwork you like? Create your own work of art via painted stripes or other geometric shapes using a bold color palette. The shades of orange and gray used here are a superb choice, as they pick up on the orange and gray hues used elsewhere in the room.

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This intense red-orange wall color works well here because it's adjacent to the window wall. All that bright natural light streaming in balances out the deep, bold hue. Keep in mind that a large window can become a dark abyss at night, depending on the view beyond the glass. A white or other light-colored window shade can help lighten up the room at night.



Bold, bright red-orange looks modern and elegant paired with crisp white and dark brown. This room exemplifies my favorite color advice: selecting neutral hues for items you want to keep for a long time, but going for bold color on things that are easy and relatively cheap to change, such as an accent wall color.



Perhaps because it reminds me of Thanksgiving feasts, there's just something so delectable about pumpkin-colored walls in the dining room. Think about your favorite orange food — ice-cold cantaloupe, rich butternut squash soup or a glass of refreshing freshly squeezed orange juice — for color palette inspiration. For fans of bold, yummy color, it's an easy way to find a sweet hue.



Of course, not everyone wants to be cocooned in a bold-colored room. But you can certainly mix in some fun, bright color and still have a light and airy space. I love the



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small bits of happy orange
these hip chairs add to the
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More cool orange dining
chairs, this time in a dining
room washed in warm neutrals.
The warmth of the palette
makes this a cozy and inviting
space for a dinner party on
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Here's a slightly softer orange hue that still packs a nice punch, due to its richness. If you have interesting artwork or decorative accessories to display, it's a good idea to limit the color palette or pick more toned-down hues. They'll complement (rather than compete with) the accessories.



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A rust activator added to iron paint achieved the orange, patinated finish on this dining room accent wall. It's a brilliant, unique way to inject interesting color and texture.

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Tell us: A small dash or a big splash? Share the ways you've used orange in your dining room in the Comments section.

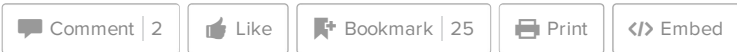
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Versatile, practical and stylish, cube ottomans are a terrific seating and storage option for more than just the living room

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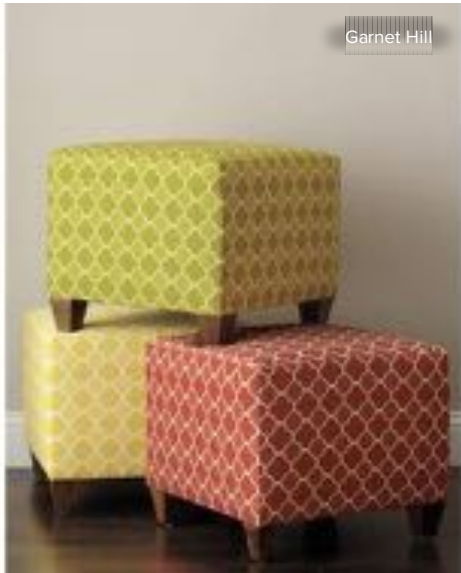


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An accent table, extra seating, additional storage ... a cube ottoman is one of those furniture pieces you can't go wrong with. They work well in tight spaces, can easily be moved around, make great extra seating and can incorporate storage. Some clever cubes have tops that can flip over into a tray too.

When it comes to style, there's no end to the fun you can have with these pieces. Because they're so small, it's easy to get away with bold prints and interesting materials.

Scroll down to take a peek at some great cube ottomans and the best ways to use them.



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These cubes have a punchy clover graphic that I've been seeing a lot of this year. They can bring beautiful color to any room that feels too bland.



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I love the idea of using cubes at the end of an office desk. Not only is this great seating for visitors, but you can pull them under the desk and put your feet up. Use a bold pattern for a cheerful office pick-me-up.



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Tuck one or more cubes under a foyer table for an easy entryway solution. Nestle one under a bathroom vanity and just pull it out to sit and apply your make-up.

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Natural materials are still all the rage in home decor. This cube has a natural feel that's perfect for any relaxing space. And it's affordable enough to buy several and group them together as extra seating or in front of a bed.



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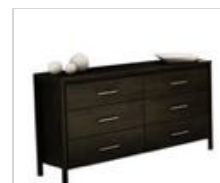
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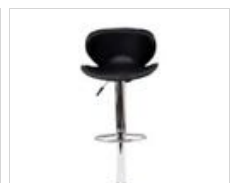
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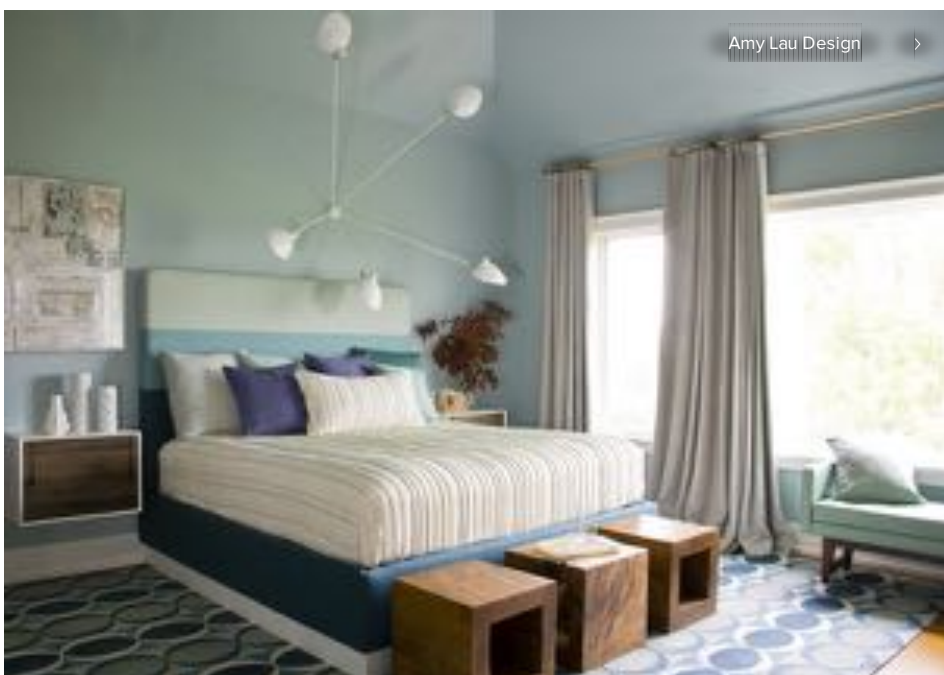


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If you have a bold rug in your living room, try placing a cube ottoman in a natural finish on top. A neutral tone won't upstage the rug or confuse the eye with more color.



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Skip the upholstery and bring in a more natural vibe to a bedroom. Bunch up two or three cubes in a natural material at the foot of your bed to add interesting architectural detail.



Small room? Choose cubes that have storage, and then have them serve double duty as a coffee table. You will have a tabletop that can move around easily and a hidden place to store your essentials.



Cube ottomans are great in front of a fireplace for cozy winter nights. Instead of adding color, choose one with fun texture. I dig the funky material on these.

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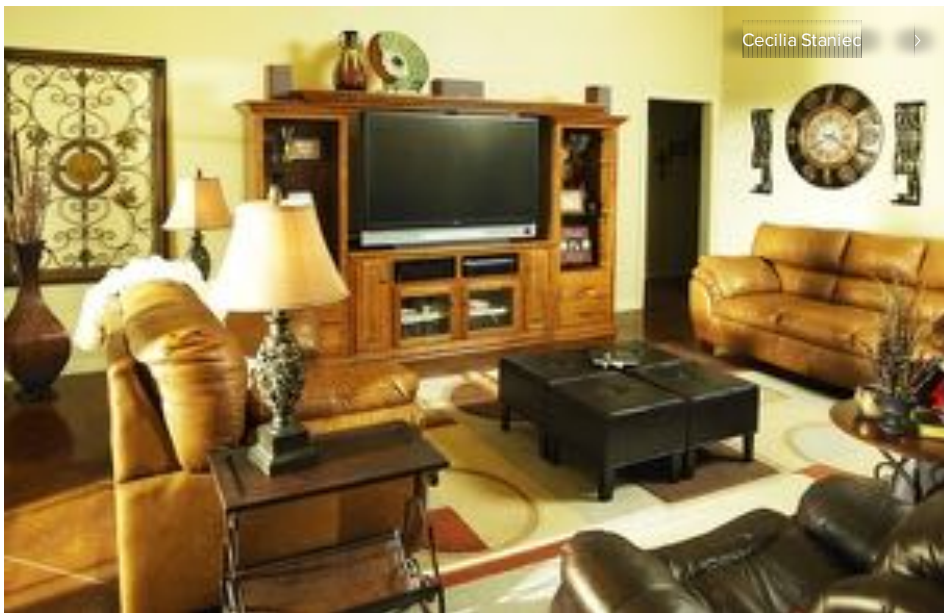
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This cube is unique, fabulous and comfortable. It would be perfect for any kid's space.



Try pairing two cubes in the family room. Place a tray on one and keep the other one free for resting feet on. Try using two different patterned pieces that coordinate through color.

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If you have a nice, large space in the center of your room, fill it in by grouping four cube ottomans together. You can break them apart for seating.



These days you can find coffee tables that come with matching cubed ottomans to fit underneath the table. The tops of these cubes look like they flip over to become tray tables, making them even more versatile.

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This is one of those memorable pieces that has it all — it's modern, with nail heads and a bold black and white **chevron pattern**. Look for eye-catching cubes like this one to pump up the volume in a living room.



Use cubes around a 30-inch table like this one to create a little game table. Look for ones with storage to hide your games in, and try putting the cubes on castors to wheel them around to other rooms when they're not being used as seating.

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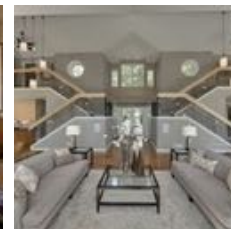
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Thanks for the stylish round up of ottoman cuteness! We're huge fans of cubed ottomans as stand-ins for a coffee table. We found this rattan pair and used them in an updated Spanish style living room:



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Very nice setup at the bottom image... the round coffee table wth fur ottomans and the other ottomans matching the sofas fabric. Saw some nice ottoman coffee tables at <http://www.coffeetableottomans.com> by Uttermost that are similar to the coffee table you have there



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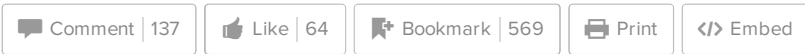
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Call me crazy, but I'd give up all the comforts of my bed (supersoft cotton sheets, cozy down comforter and plump pillow-top mattress) for one with a knockout view. I'm know I'd sleep more sweetly if my last waking sight were the twinkling lights of a cityscape or the swaying branches of a tranquil tree. And I'd be happy to awaken to the sun reflecting off the ocean or, for that matter, even a backyard swimming pool.

I don't expect to achieve this goal soon (or ever). But it's fun to daydream and to immerse yourself in the fantasy of wraparound windows without worrying about the cost.

Here, then, are some drop-dead gorgeous bedrooms, all designed with a view of the great outdoors.



Although this bedroom overlooking Seattle's Lake Washington is small, it packs a dramatic design punch. Its wraparound windows afford spectacular views of the placid water and leafy treetops, while its warm plywood ceiling provides a grounding touch of modernism.

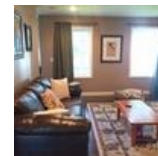
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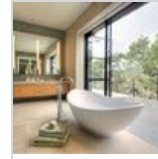
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Just steps from the slopes, this Aspen, Colorado, sleeping chamber has a warm, rustic look, with its stone wall and vaulted ceiling. The reclaimed-wood ceiling is finished in a natural patina. There's nothing rustic about the seating, though: a modern Eames lounge chair and ottoman.



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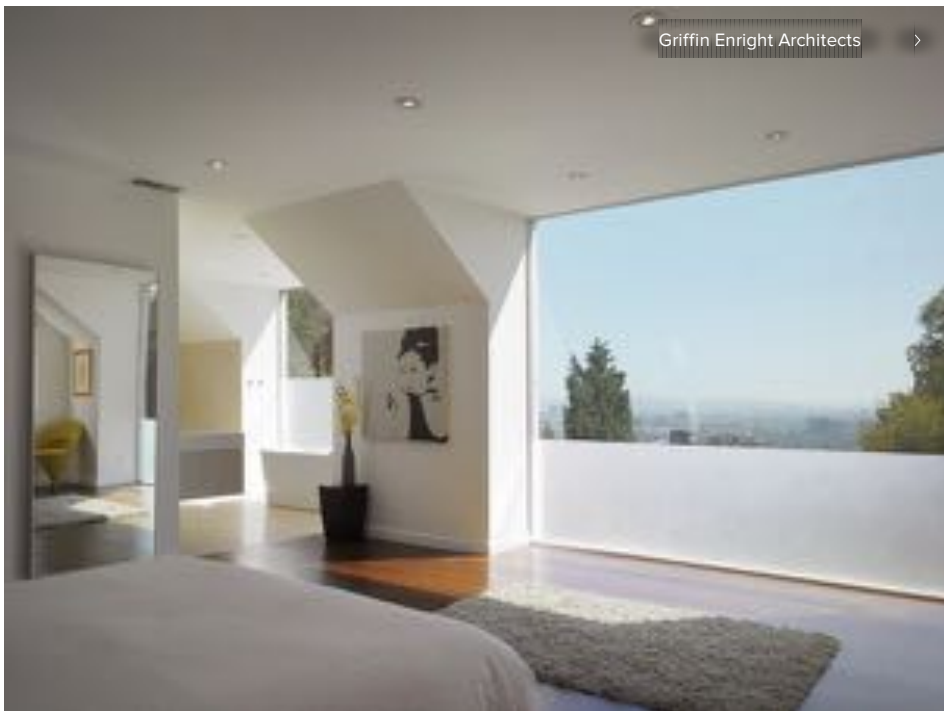


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There's not much to distract you from this Cincinnati bedroom's tree-filled views other than architect [Jose Garcia's](#) use of local wood. The room's floors and ceilings are fashioned from ash harvested onsite. The columns are white oak, salvaged from a fallen barn in the area, with texture worked in with hand tools.



The perfect perch for movie moguls (or aspiring ones) is this bedroom in the Hollywood Hills overlooking downtown Los Angeles and the ocean. For privacy the architects at [Griffin Enright](#) frosted the glass along the bottom of the oversize windows. To do this on existing windows, you can have an opaque film applied in a process that's similar to tinting auto glass. (For sources search online for "window tinting.")



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There's no hiding from nature in this house: The architects at [Estes/Twombly](#) placed it right in the vast, open marshlands of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. This pristine bedroom, with its wall of double-hung windows, offers sweeping views of the tidal rivers and shorebirds foraging for food.



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Given its hilly terrain, it's not surprising to find drop-dead views in San Francisco. This elegant and serene bedroom takes full advantage of its perch in the Russian Hill neighborhood. The polished floors are engineered walnut with a clear finish, and high-end [Schott](#) antireflective glass has been used for maximum window clarity.



This glass-walled bedroom looks as though it's open to the air, giving its owners a panoramic view of the Pacific (albeit not a lot of privacy). Never fear; the windows are actually taller than the ceiling by about 6 inches, providing a recessed pocket for roll-down shades.



Surrounded by established oaks, this master bedroom is truly nestled in the treetops. It occupies the entire third floor of a modern three-story house in Connecticut designed by [Nautilus Architects](#).



This simple bedroom in a house in Montauk, at the far end of New York's Long Island, features see-forever water views. The window frames, made of long-lasting steel for durability in the salt air, are from [Hopes Windows](#). A simple wicker chaise from Ikea provides a perch for contemplative lounging.



This house was built to showcase the wide-open views of Northern California's Mount Tamalpais. In the bedroom little gets in the way of the sight lines, other than an iconic Saariinen Womb Chair.

This stunning bedroom with a fireplace sits on a hill above the rocky coastline near Carmel, California. The gorgeous floors are fashioned from Cumaru, a tough and dense wood imported from Brazil that has a wavy, coarse texture. Because of its density, Cumaru is very resistant to termites and decay, and thus stands up well to the marine climate.



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Imagine the sunrises and sunsets that flood this Miami Beach high-rise bedroom. The setting is all about glamour, with marble floors (4-foot-square slabs of Thassos), a cushy chaise and thick white curtains to pull closed when the owners want to shut out the world.

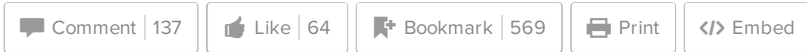


David Ling Architect >

This oceanside bedroom on Long Island provides another perspective for bedside views. Architect [David Ling](#) designed these lower slot windows topped by bookcases to frame

expansive views of the grass-covered dunes while the owners are lying in bed.

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
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-  **M. Designs Architects**
PRO Amazing views and great designs to enhance those views!
10 Likes February 4, 2014 at 3:12PM
-  **Lauren Elyse Art**
PRO Thank you for this! It gives me something to dream about :)
20 Likes February 4, 2014 at 4:14PM
-  **La Lune Collection**
PRO Ah, all such beautiful bedroom views, Lisa! Here's one from Bozeman, MT, courtesy of Design Associates.

La Lune Canopy Bed #4280 <http://www.lalunecollection.com/rustic-furniture/beds/canopy-bed-4276-4282/>

29 Likes February 4, 2014 at 4:20PM
-  **inkwitch**
Such rooms would spoil me! I might stay in bed all the time and do nothing

but stare. Can you imagine what some of these views are at night?
Boggles the imagination!

14 Likes

February 4, 2014 at 4:59PM



comfy by design

PRO

I daydream of a view like the examples you have here. Nothing could be more serene than a wooded area or the roll of the ocean.

7 Likes

February 4, 2014 at 6:00PM



Sigrid

Plc #4 was a great use of material to enhance the view. Although I wonder if I'd have noticed if the room had been furnished.

2 Likes

February 4, 2014 at 8:51PM



dawnbc1

The whole reason we bought the house was this view from the master bedroom, right through the glass door and windows. It's in Oregon and that's a lake of fog and what I see when I open my eyes every morning.



41 Likes

February 4, 2014 at 10:32PM



patscats2

All those windows and views are gorgeous but they would do me little good because I'd have to have the drapes closed before I could fall asleep at night and then in the morning I'd wake to the drapes, not the view. Would be a nice place to visit, but I couldn't live in a bedroom with all those windows for walls. I like my privacy too much no matter where I'd be located. I'd take those glass walls in a kitchen or living area.

18 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 12:16AM



inkwitch

I agree, I like it DARK when I sleep, but some of those views would now have any light beyond starlight and moonlight -- I live in the country. It gets very DARK. For some of those views, I would train myself to "make do" in order to see such beauty on awaking. What a way to start a day!

6 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 2:50AM



L Design

PRO

Amazing !!

Like

February 5, 2014 at 2:50AM



Ewan Stirling

I love them all except the cityscapes. Who wants to look at apartment blocks and offices??

6 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 3:29AM



stryker

Does anyone have experience with motorized shades, so you can sleep in darkness then push a button in bed and enjoy the view before getting up?

5 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 5:14AM



jillybeansisme

You definitely need to take advantage of the views somehow! I loved this article. What I've not been able to figure out is how code allows full walls of windows. I wanted that in my next house and was told no because of code because of earthquakes. I will have 3 double stacked windows to take advantage of my forest/green belt backyard view in my next house.

Since I do like my privacy and definitely like it dark to sleep, I would probably have drapes on remote controllers! Then I could take advantage of these gorgeous views easily and without getting out of bed.

2 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 5:15AM



Judy Bauer

Too much light for a bedroom but great for a living area other than a bedroom.

8 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 5:19AM



Pamela Fisk

We have a wonderful view from our master bedroom, but the curtains were down for cleaning last night and I had a heck of a time staying asleep. Awoke an hour earlier than I'd like. Oh, well. At least I had Houzz in my mailbox to cheer me up! Oh, and by the way, I love the house in Connecticut the best. They thought of everything in the design. A balcony. Water and tree-filled views. Bookcases that double as bed side tables. A fascinating looking master bath just behind the head of the bed and gorgeous scenery without worry about lost privacy. Dappled light comes in. It's never too bright either, which is another plus. All and all, that's the best one in my opinion.

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 5:30AM



imho22

Beautiful places to sleep and dream, Lisa - thanks for putting together such a great set of ideas. We bought our house because it has so many double doors out to the surrounding woods, a very inside/outside experience. Now we are planning to put in double glass doors from our bedroom out to an upper deck - I actually like waking up to the sunrise and bird song every season of the year. The Aspen house and the Connecticut house really spoke to me; thanks for the inspiration!

6 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 5:48AM



Wayne Anderson

WOW... Really nice stuff!!! Does anyone know what chairs are in the 8th photo? I think this room is one of my favorites I have seen.

2 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 5:50AM



harleychappell

I would never get to go to sleep. Breathtaking!

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 5:50AM



Andrea Campbell

I love the views, but the rooms are too cold, too spare. I would like a bedroom that's cozy, comfortable, embracing and warm -- with a view! I wish this post had featured some of that variety.

3 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 6:05AM



Liz Shlom

All are absolutely gorgeous!

2 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 6:09AM



fbwebb

This is what we were viewing last week when our area received a rare snow storm. Raleigh, NC

Our master bedroom has 4 large windows opening to a wooded view, with creek running along side the house with pond in the back. Occasionally deer and other small wildlife can be seen. Also, lots of birds, Canadian Geese, ducks, etc. Love it!



33 Likes

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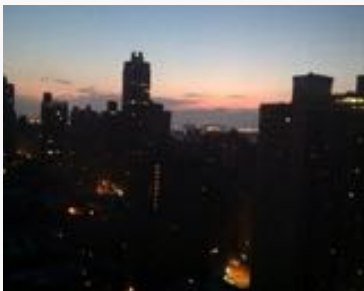
skylinewater

Ewan, I love my city view and gave up precious space in NYC to have it over larger rooms!

Jeanstryker, I have a motorized shade. It works beautifully with a battery operated remote. No hard wiring required...just an extra \$500 for the convenience.

As for draperies hiding the view, I prefer falling asleep to the beauty of twinkling lights and waking up to the sunrise over the bridge.

That's what makes us all different!



26 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 6:49AM



Blinds.com



@jeanstryker Motorized shades are much easier than you might think.

Many don't have to be hardwired, a while room of shades can be operated on one remote. For complete blackout for floor-to-ceiling windows like these we'd recommend motorized cellular shades. They stack high so as much of your view as possible will be unobstructed, and they'll give extra insulation to a room very susceptible to heat loss. If you don't need complete blackout, just glare control, we'd go with motorized solar shades.




DiamondCell Light Filtering Honeycomb Shades · [More Info](#)



Bali Solar Shade · [More Info](#)

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 skylinewater

Daytime view:



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
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 amberley


I love the 'IDEA' of wall of windows in the wilderness but unfortunately I think that there would be piles of poor dead birds at the bottom of each every day. Just not practical or environmentally friendly at all.

 8 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 7:04AM

 Judy Bauer

Birds were constantly breaking their necks flying into a large window in my previous home. It was unbearable to hear them when they crashed into the window. If only the windows were tilted down about 5 degrees then the birds would not see their reflection and what appears to them wide opened spaces to fly into.

 6 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 7:12AM



skylinewater

Sunnier day.



7 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 7:13AM



ledeburen

ToVP82254. Sorry you are missing the whole point of this app which is devoted to design and beauty.

2 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 7:14AM



arteshouse

It's all about the view.

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 7:16AM



nkanise

I like the combination of grey and red

Like

February 5, 2014 at 7:21AM



Charles Miles Contracting Corp.

PRO

Nice views, reminds of our house in the Catskills.



6 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 7:22AM



rwilly57

my thought about the comment that using the brand name of products is not to gloat but to help if someone is interested in a certain product like "the IKEA lounge" so person know where they can purchase said product....Why read or look at this page if you are going to make negative comments!!!!!!!!!!

4 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 7:59AM



ljq

Windows are just SO wonderful - when they are clean.

6 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:07AM



whalerwoman

this is my coast of maine cottage bedroom. the previous comments about disturbing morning light are well taken. it doesn't bother me in the least.

drives my partner crazy. the view faces east and the stars and rising moon at night make it all worthwhile for me. not for him. to the right (which you cannot see) is wide open ocean. sigh.



22 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:08AM



Dave Hoder

Those are some great rooms but I agree with everyone else who says not for sleeping. I could sleep in the Aspen room but the others I'd probably end up moving my bed into the bathroom.

2 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:09AM



Lorraine M

Love the view as long I don't have neighbours peeking in! Lol.. Luckily, I have the view of Lake Superior sunset and early morning dawn with the moon from my bedroom and living room window... Love it!!



24 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:11AM



John

When I asked my contractor to install windows like this (on the second floor of a 1937 suburban house) he said it wouldn't meet code. The normal sources that he buys windows from also didn't know how to get these. Any ideas? We settled for large but "standard" windows.

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kwanyich

Tony's bedroom?

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kwanyich

Beautiful view.

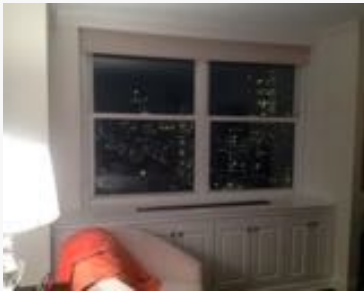
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February 5, 2014 at 8:20AM



skylinewater

As for designer name chairs, the point is NOT for snob appeal. The point is to allow people to find out where to locate and purchase items. I bought a \$299 babyletto rocker/glider for my bedroom through amazon. Not only is it small and pretty, but it's perfect for rocking grandchildren to sleep!



2 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:20AM



kwanyich

Keep

Like

February 5, 2014 at 8:21AM



maryahine

One of the most important things for me in the ongoing design of our new home in the mountains outside Asheville is the view, since I am disabled and essentially housebound. These are great inspiration. One concern especially with the severe weather this winter is heat loss even with energy efficient windows. Of course summer provides the issue of too much sun and heat. Where you live and the climate definitely affects how to approach this. We plan thermal drapes and careful pruning of existing deciduous trees to shade/block excess sun in summer. Close drapes in rooms you are not in to lower energy use, open them when entering room to enjoy view. Those who have deck/balcony/porch/outdoor access can open the door and go outside to enjoy the view without dealing with window issues.

3 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:23AM



ledeburen

All the views are divine, and I am fortunate to live in San Francisco where we have lovely views from our bedroom. I love to lie in bed early in the morning or later in the evening & look out at the ever changing sea & landscape bolstered by the bay bridge. Our master bed/bathroom were especially designed to take advantage of these views. Thank you for these lovely settings.

4 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:24AM



Transitional Designs, LLC

PRO So many fantastic places to dream from



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Transitional Designs, LLC

PRO

This bedroom has a panoramic view of the Columbia River Gorge Area in Washougal, WA

3 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:30AM



bbegs

Westchester Magazine is in the process of constructing a Dream Home at The Residences at The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester. The 5,400 sq. ft Penthouse's outside walls are all floor to ceiling windows with amazing views of the NYC skyline from one end, the Kensico Dam from the middle of the penthouse and Stamford, CT from the the other end! See more photos as construction progresses from empty space to finished penthouse at <http://www.westchestermagazine.com/Westchester-Magazine/Dream-Home/2014-Home/>



3 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:33AM



feather57

Fabulous rooms . I hate curtains anyway only using blinds if I have to for privacy . I do get the point about needing to sleep in blackout conditions though ,my husband does ,I don't . If we had these views I would make him wear a sleep eye mask !

2 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:35AM



sfsapp

My view from the whole back of the house



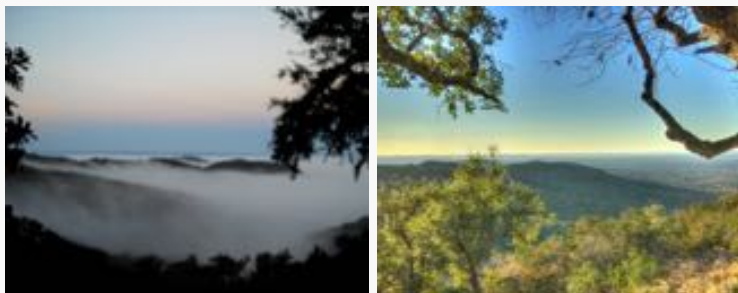
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wmgoin

We have the view here and only the occasional issue with birds - more so the cardinals deliberately flying into their reflection (a male territorial thing during mating season). We have no drapes in the entire house and can see the nearest town which is 16 miles away. Absolutely love waking to it every morning.



29 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 8:51AM



skylinewater
Sfsapp, WOW!

1 Like

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Stella Greenberg
PRO Perfect bedroom size

Like

February 5, 2014 at 9:01AM



Fred Albert
Regarding birds flying into the glass: There are ways around this. Check out our ideabook on the topic:



Ideabook: Keep Your Big Windows — and Save Birds Too · [See Ideabook](#)

The article also mentions Ornilux, a glass that has a special layer that birds can see but humans can't, so you can keep your view but spare the birds.

12 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 9:21AM



love1019
Love your idea book! A room with a view has always been a dream of

mine....gorgeous pics,

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 9:32AM



Hampton Redesign

PRO

Some gorgeous views here... personally I think I would feel uncomfortable with the "infinity" effect of glass to floor. Whether in a bedroom or living area. I like a cozy wrap around feeling when I'm nesting. But otherwise, yeah. Who doesn't want to be inspired by an amazing view when they wake up?

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 9:38AM



soozmacrae

How wonderful, I wish I could wake up every day or sit in my living room and gaze at all these wonderful views. We look across the road to our neighbours house but my parents in law have a holiday home in Cyprus and its wonderful to wake up the the Mediterranean Sea.

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 9:53AM



wrenwilliams

All fabulous views & well designed bedrooms. My only issue is the darn overbearing Houzz green sign up pop up that overlays each photo & ruins the experience. This green box is not only on this page but all Houzz pages it seems.

Like

February 5, 2014 at 10:08AM



Old New House

PRO

So breathtaking

Like

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Vanessa Temple Day

I appreciate the views but these rooms look too stark and over exposed for me. I'd definitely need drapes to sleep too. Waking up with the sun at 4:00 am would get old fast!

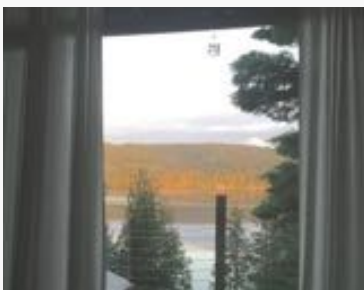
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Eve Millington

The interior spaces (above) are quite awe-inspiring as well. This is my own, more humble cottage space, with a Quebec lake view that carries as much sentimental as esthetic value. Lovely to wake up to!



21 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 10:22AM



dixielou2

Love,love,love every one of them.

Like

February 5, 2014 at 10:33AM



wantsideas

I love to sleep in a dark room but I would take any of these views any day. Hello motorized shades with a timer feature. So much better than an alarm clock.

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 10:44AM



Mina Brinkey

PRO

Love these! SO peaceful.

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 11:00AM



suekat12

I love light, bright rooms. The only drawback I see with these rooms would be keeping all that glass clean. You'd have to have window washers at your home once a month especially at the beach where the salt air and fog do a number on your glass. They are gorgeous rooms though as photographed.

Like

February 5, 2014 at 11:04AM



saleme

Ra S

Like

February 5, 2014 at 11:54AM



Braitman Design Studio

PRO

Gorgeous examples! We emphasize indoor-outdoor connections in many of our projects. Oftentimes, this means creating a getaway space such as a garden room which is easily accessible from inside the home - both physically and visually. Our goal is to bring our clients a sense of serenity by connecting them with nature. The best part is, this can be achieved anywhere with outdoor access. Thus, living in a high-rise or near the ocean isn't necessary to achieve this kind of relaxing view - a simple, suburban garden room placed outside of a master suite can provide serenity as well.

<http://www.braitmandesign.com/bath-remodeling-master-suites/carving-master-suite-postwwii-brick-rambler/>



2 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 12:09PM



leslieg2013

We also have a master bedroom with total privacy, a huge deck, and spectacular east facing views. Fortunately, hubby and I agree that we like our bedroom cool and dark so we moved our bedroom to the puny 3rd bedroom where we can get some sleep! The master bedroom is now a rec room and we have great parties there that spill on to the deck. What not let everybody enjoy it?

4 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 12:52PM



sicilia

Perhaps this website can help with the birds, and people will still be able to enjoy the view!

<http://www.collidescape.org/>

Beautiful Rooms! Peaceful Designs...

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 2:32PM



sclblue2

LOVELY ROOMS..LOVE BRIGHT AND LIGHT...,MAKES ME WANT TO BUILD!!

1 Like

February 5, 2014 at 5:49PM



dalola3d

I know, to each their own.....but I can't wrap my head around the thought of overlooking a filthy city as an "amazing view"....

Like

February 5, 2014 at 6:06PM



skylinewater

NYC isn't a dirty city....as any New Yorker will tell you. It's a beautiful city. Many of us choose to live here, not because we work here, but because it is home.



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jbv

VP82254 What are you doing on HOUZZ?

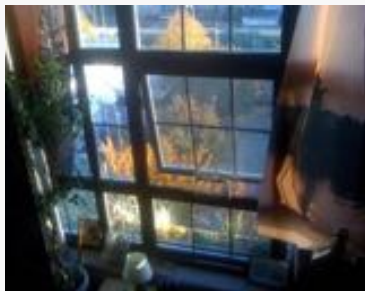
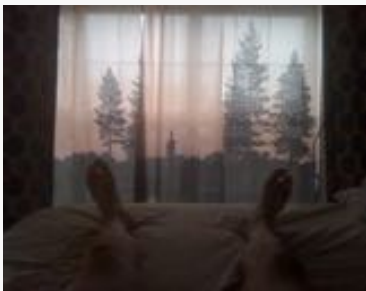
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designanddine

I absolutely love waking up every day from my lofted bed overlooking a beautiful church courtyard below, taking in the changing of seasons..





12 Likes

February 5, 2014 at 7:27PM



cheewood

Would lay in bed for HOURS if I had some of the views noted both in the article and photos in the comments! :-) designanddine, love the foot shot!

2 Likes

February 6, 2014 at 2:53AM



Vasiliy Miroshnichenko

crv



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February 6, 2014 at 6:52AM



lisaccook

I bought a house that hadn't been upgraded since 1995 because there is a lake view from the family room, kitchen, dining room, master bedroom, and bath. I think all these rooms are beautiful except the apartment in Miami. I can't imagine putting a television in front of an ocean view. I wonder if they thought about a television lift cabinet so it's only out when in use. I'm trying to figure out how to put one in my bedroom without blocking the view and we have a wall if windows too.

Like

February 6, 2014 at 6:55AM



Vasiliy Miroshnichenko

nice article

Like

February 6, 2014 at 6:56AM



Vasiliy Miroshnichenko

nice flovers

Like

February 6, 2014 at 7:02AM



John

Lisa Higgins (or anyone else): Please, how do I get windows like these for my existing older home, for the second floor? My contractor says these wouldn't meet code (I didn't check) and neither of us knows where to look for such windows even if they were to meet code.

Like

February 6, 2014 at 7:03AM



Fred Albert

John: I can't address the code issues, because I don't know where you live or how many windows you already have on your home. But you might want to contact an architect and get his or her take on the subject. The architect might recommend a commercial window system, which can look great in a residential setting.

2 Likes

February 6, 2014 at 9:17AM



Jason Shepard

Bedrooms are for sleeping. Views are pointless and wasted. Go in, lay down, go to sleep, wake up, get up, get dressed, leave the room. I really don't understand why so many people think they have to be able to LIVE in their bedroom. I am a hermit and I don't want to live in my bedroom. It need only be big enough for my bed, two end tables, my closet and a dresser. Beyond that, nothing else is needed as it is for sleeping, not for living. Thus the reason our homes have LIVING rooms. This insane need for humungous homes so you can live your life in any one room is asinine. My bedroom wouldn't even HAVE a window if it wasn't required by law. America is a very confused nation. WTB: The ability to move to rural France or Crete where small homes rule and people know how to live outside their bedrooms...

2 Likes

February 6, 2014 at 11:53AM



Eve Millington

Very small rooms can still afford large beautiful views. Some of us are lucky to live in places where we can take advantage of the natural beauty that surrounds us. My cottage is a whopping 600 sq ft. and accommodates six people very comfortably because the large windows visually expand the interior space. I've lived in Europe too and embrace small spaces. North Americans tend to clutter their space with stuff, much of which is just pointless crap. Our idea of 'normal' living has evolved over the last four decades to include homes bursting with all kinds of electronic gadgetry, from 52" TVs, to double fridges and six burner stoves. I can't help but note the irony of 'environmentally friendly homes' built for families of two to four, yet boasting over 3000 sq ft.

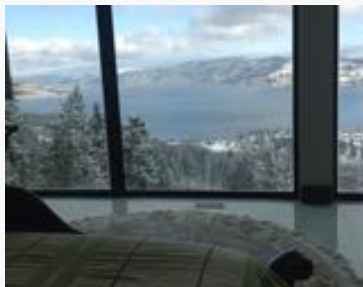
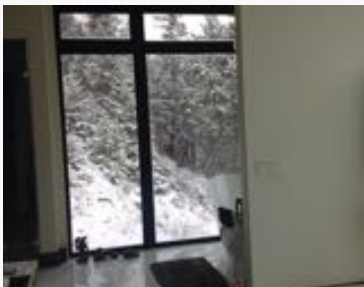
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February 6, 2014 at 12:31PM




alexatiffany

We're so blessed to live in a city that has lake and city views. Here are some photos I just took, I'll add one picture that I took during the night. And yes we have a motorized cellular shades and were so happy we went this route.



 11 Likes

February 6, 2014 at 1:34PM


 skylinewater

Most viewers of Houzz enjoy LIVING in their homes...and look for ways to make them more beautiful. Having pleasing views, paintings, and comfortable furniture add to the enjoyment of being at home. If a home is just to walk into, eat, sleep and leave, then:

1. Why not just pitch a tent or live in a motel room?
2. Why are you on the Houzz site?

 5 Likes


February 6, 2014 at 1:44PM

 skylinewater

Stunning, Alexatiffany! Lucky you!

 3 Likes

February 6, 2014 at 1:45PM

 stryker

Jason Shepard, wanting to look out a window is not the same thing as wanting a huge house. Small rooms can have views too, and it's all the more important then. Not many of us want to live in caves. There is nothing wrong with people who want to see nature or city lights, or whatever they find pretty or inspirational. If I had to pick which room gets the view, sure the living room wins, but if the bedroom gets one too all the better.

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
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 Jason Shepard

@kit2650: You can LIVE in your home without living in your BEDROOM. There is a distinct difference. My comments were regarding the bedroom ideology of sitting areas, desks with computers, TV's and everything normally utilized for living being found in a BEDROOM. Nice to see your elitist attitude towards anyone with a view differing from the norm here, Kit. If I don't agree with everything, then why am I on Houzz? Maybe to provide some much-needed balance to the excesses commonly found on site like this. I love LIVING in my home - just not in the bedroom which is a room designed for SLEEPING. Read all of my comment next time, please.

 2 Likes


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 stryker

Sometimes a person wants to get away from whatever noise, chaos, or craziness is in the living room, and retreat to a sanctuary with a view or whatever other accouterments give peace.

 2 Likes

February 6, 2014 at 3:15PM

 victoran

If you live in the city and have no view but a brick wall, why not take a mural like one of these window views and put it up on your wall.. Then you can at least imagine you have a view...and it can change from sunrise to mid day to sunset...use your imagination!

Much better than looking at a brick wall.

And as for wanting dark to sleep in...I love OUTDOORS and always have my windows open and moonlight streaming in. Love to watch the owls circle looking for rabbits, etc. and listen to the coyotes howl and watch the moon drift across the sky...I love to wake up, walk a wee bit, and go back to sleep at least 5 times a night. No problem sleeping, just love the night, so peaceful..

 Like

February 6, 2014 at 4:44PM



Juboka Ltd

PRO

Cliff house bedroom (see photos) has an incredible view, Griffith Park to Bell Canyon, if you know LA. However the owner likes a dark night, so the moon is curtained away from the sleepy eyes. Also the windows do not go down to the floor so the San Fernando Valley view would not be visible from the bed any way. Windows to the floor always make me uneasy. There is a reason to put the lower sill up where it goes... security from falling through the glass.



2 Likes

February 6, 2014 at 5:23PM



doenmabest

We've had to create our own views and privacy with tropical gardens. It's a joy to look out any window of our home. Our home is quite small, but lovely to live in. I don't spend much time in the bedroom, but I do love to wake up to such a refreshing view. We certainly don't all need massive homes to make us happy.



5 Likes

February 6, 2014 at 6:12PM



C Wright Design

PRO

Hi! I see that one person asked if anyone has experience with motorized shades. We specify them frequently, especially for spaces with wall-to-wall architectural (structural) glass. In these homes there is nowhere to stack a drapery or a roman shade without blocking some of the view, which most clients don't want to do. Motorized shades that are hidden in the ceiling work well for these spaces. We work with Lutron motors and shading materials. Once installed, these shades can be operated by a wall switch, programmed from a \$20.00 app on your phone, and can be linked to lighting and a number of other functions. The shades can be programmed to go up and down in keeping with the season and where the sun is in the sky - thereby protecting furnishings, etc. All in all, they're a great solution for certain projects. If they are to be added to an existing home, a soffit can be built to house and hide the rolls. Hope this helps! Cynthia Wright

3 Likes

February 6, 2014 at 6:27PM



C Wright Design

PRO

Here's a picture of motorized shades in the ceiling - almost invisible, which is exactly what the architect, Ron Sutton of Sutton Suzuki Architects, and the client wanted!



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Like

February 6, 2014 at 6:42PM



skylinewater

I live in a ordinary apartment. My motorized shade is hidden under the window moulding. You cannot see it unless you walk right up to the window and look up near the ceiling:



3 Likes

February 7, 2014 at 7:38AM



chookchook2

i thought i didnt have a motorised shade, now i know its extremely well hidden.

Like

February 7, 2014 at 10:06PM



Donna Casteel

Beautiful !!!

Like

February 8, 2014 at 1:15AM



lauralynr

These are all so beautiful! I don't think I could choose a favorite. The view from our bedroom is the Snake River and an Arabian horse ranch.



2 Likes

February 8, 2014 at 6:33AM



scarbowcow

A word of solidarity with Jason Shepherd, simply because I don't - and would never - 'live' in my bedroom. It's just not my lifestyle. I get up, get out of bed and get on with the rest of the day. I return to the BEDroom when I want to go to sleep. I think if I had such views from my bedroom, I'd either spend the day in my bedroom and get nothing done, or I'd feel uneasy having the view in the bedroom and not 'using' it.

Mind you, I need a view everywhere else! Long-time friends have noticed that whenever I enter a new building or room, I go straight to the window and check what's outside the windows, and if a bedroom is all I have (as at university), then a drab view makes even the nicest room somehow... diminished. On the other hand, for me a great view makes up for a lot of failings in a room.

I'd like a nice view out my bedroom window, but not to the point that it is the focal point of the room. I want my bed to be the focal point, so my thoughts are all on sleep. As some others have mentioned, I want a sense of coziness and nesting, and I don't get that in a mainly glass bedroom, no matter how marvellous the view. To each his own.

Also in defense of Jason Shepherd, it's just not on to basically 'unwelcome' someone from a 'public' website because the person feels a bit glutted with what is - admittedly - an essentially materialistic website. If Jason put up an Ideabook attacking overblown, gluttonously materialistic lifestyles, OK - wrong audience. But look at the Ideabooks about simple houses, pulled together by ordinary people on ordinary budgets: PLENTY of Houzz readers applaud these more livable, accessible homes. Jason is not alone; many of us would have to 'Get out of Houzz' if feeling a bit queasy from time to time with conspicuous [over-] consumption debars us from reading this site.

 2 Likes

February 8, 2014 at 9:06AM



stryker

I love it when people express different points of view, but I'm not crazy about it when it comes across as judgmental. I think Jason got the reaction he did because he called "America...a very confused nation" and implied that residents of France and Crete are superior in lifestyle choices. Maybe those things are true, but it sounded like name-calling.

 4 Likes

February 8, 2014 at 9:41AM



Jason Shepard

Yes, Jean, I am an abrasive person. Check other threads here for additional evidence of that. I have every right to call America - where I live, too, by the way - a confused nation. I live here and see the confusion every single day. The disgusting adherence to materialism, the "bigger is better mentality" that just won't go away no matter how much evidence to the contrary is provided and the elitism that stems from both of those towards countries with more down-to-Earth mentalities. I primarily utilize Houzz for decorating ideas as there are few sites I have found with as much rustic and industrial basis as Houzz has, even though those two are two of the least-shown that I've seen even here. Recently, some Houzz contributors have been moving forward with ideabooks centered around a smaller lifestyle and that is a positive trend to see. America is one of the only nations in the world to embrace such overindulgence of materialism and home size and, yes, I am going to point that out from time to time.

Thank you, scarbowcow, for your kind words of support. I don't see that very often as I am usually well-prepared for the backlash like I experienced on this thread. My viewpoints are still unpopular in American culture and

probably will remain so, although the Tiny House Movement is rapidly catching on in certain areas and I find that quite exciting and I am glad to see Houzz taking at least a small modicum of note.



Like

February 8, 2014 at 3:51PM



Darcy Howe

Oh, Jason, thank you for showing us ignorant materialistic fools The One True Way! I am completely converted to your virtuous example, because being called "disgusting" because I am an American is the perfect way to change my way to your philosophy of NOT overindulgence and materialism! Even though your viewpoint, not viewpoints, is SO unpopular that no doubt crowds of ignorant materialistic Americans throw eggs at you every day, you still STAND TALL! You are a shining example of a modern-day HERO! Take a bow, Jason Shepard! Though the Internet shall take me to materialistic and indulgent opinions in about 20 seconds, never shall I forget you, Jason Shepard--thou art the Living Embodiment of Reason and Goodness in this sad, sad world!



3 Likes

February 8, 2014 at 6:25PM



skylinewater

OK, I feel bad. I think I might have started this. And although I DID read your entire comment, Jason, I misunderstood that you do enjoy your home and just choose not to LIVE in your bedroom. I thought you were implying your home is just to walk into, sleep, and leave. (And don't laugh...I do know a very unhappy couple who live in squalor and take no notice or pride in their home. They sleep in it and eat in it occasionally and stay out of it as much as possible.) Hence, my questioning what you were doing on this website and comment that a tent should suit you fine. NOT because I'm elitist, but because I don't understand the concept of having ANY room in a house you don't thoroughly love and enjoy and find beautiful. Just because a bedroom is for sleeping doesn't mean it can't have beautiful lamps or furniture lot a view.

Let me tell you now that I do not live in a huge, stunning mansion. I have a small co-op in a beach town and a small apartment in a city. Neither are grand. But they are beautiful because I think they are beautiful.

The walls are painted in lovely colors, the house is neat and clean, and there is at least one or two things I consider gorgeous in every room. Key word here is "I" because many of these things are from ebay or Home Goods or tag sales.

I love my home, take pride in hosting guests, and enjoy being in it all by myself. I love looking at it and enjoy its beauty. Others have told me it is warm and comfortable and inviting. Not because I am obsessed with the idea of conspicuous consumption, but because I worked very hard my entire life to be able to retire and enjoy spending my money however I choose to spend it.

Whether it is on my grandchildren, myself, or my home....the plain fact is I didn't steal it or inherit it. I worked for it and it's my choice to spend it on my home if I wish without being criticized for not giving it all away to charity and living in a log cabin.



Like

February 8, 2014 at 7:09PM



Darcy Howe

Please don't feel bad on my account, kit. I dislike people disdaining all Americans no matter the reason.



Like

February 8, 2014 at 8:52PM



stryker

Americans work crazy hours compared to most other countries' residents.

We don't tend to get 6-8 weeks vacation time. We also tend not to be born into sweet, tight knit, long-standing communities. While there are densely populated areas where living spaces are smaller by necessity and everything is within walking distance, the country is big and spread out, allowing for spacious arrangements simply not possible in some areas of the world. I think many Americans would like to have a more European lifestyle, but the American culture machine, decades in the making, is what it is and it's not easy to change it.

My husband and I have busted our asses for years to have what we have. Nobody gave us anything. We spent years fixing up our 100+ year old house. I personally can't relate to someone who has a hundred pair of shoes or who maxes out her credit card to buy her kid a video game he doesn't need, but who am I to judge? We all have different priorities.

I am building a new, and yes, bigger house. With views. Great views. Even from the bedrooms. And I don't feel the least bit guilty or apologetic about it.

 3 Likes

February 9, 2014 at 7:09AM



cpblanco

Well, this is a view from my bedroom and I love waking up early, before the sun comes out, using the remote to lift the black out roller shades, getting my cup of coffee and drinking it from my bed watching the sunrise. Great way to start the day!



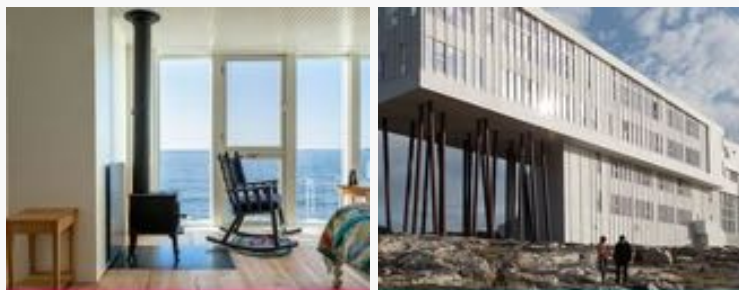
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February 9, 2014 at 11:59AM



yandawara

One of my many travel dreams is to visit Fogo Island in Newfoundland Canada, and stay at Fogo Island Inn... The views of every bedroom seem to be amazing! Plus they designed the rooms with crafts from locals (quilts, furniture, etc.). Very colourful !



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February 9, 2014 at 12:11PM



yandawara

More of Fogo Island Inn pictures...



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February 9, 2014 at 12:16PM



gabriellasilvaojeda

Wow

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February 9, 2014 at 3:25PM



Steel Windows and Doors USA

PRO

Good Day all!

These are truly magnificent homes with breathtaking views and landscapes. Homes with such beautiful views deserve windows that will not only look great but also provide the maximum viewing area. These days, this is quite hard to accomplish this without making your home the least efficient on the block. So if your next renovation is one that involves opening up a space with some large windows or doors, consider the thermal efficiency of the glass and frame material. No-one likes to sit inside and feel the chill or humidity of the outdoors. This is why we tell all of our clients to research the endless benefits of outfitting your dream home with steel frame sections instead of aluminum, vinyl or composite. Also, choosing a quality low-e glass and appropriate IGU can make a world of difference in the efficiency of the space.

Also, when it comes to SCREENS, we now offer CENTOR's revolutionary SE1-Screen and Blind system! Centor's unobtrusive folding blind system allows you to control privacy, sunlight and temperature with the fingertip operation. Its remarkable thermal insulation helps improve energy efficiency in your home while also adding to the overall style and uniqueness of the space.

I added some photos of the system i speak of and the work we have done. Hope this helps!!

Cheers!



2 Likes

February 9, 2014 at 7:12PM



Mountain View Window & Door

PRO

Aaaaah what wonders windows do for our homes!

Like

February 10, 2014 at 10:57AM



michelerankin

Wooden floor cumaru Brazilian hard wood

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February 11, 2014 at 2:53PM



Studio NOO Design

PRO

These are all amazing, huge windows, lots of light and some breathtaking views. Here is a bedroom I designed on the 24th floor, view is downtown Montreal up to the St Lawrence river. You can see part of the view in the dining room



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February 11, 2014 at 7:41PM



serjiii

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February 12, 2014 at 3:13PM



highvoltage11

Did anyone else notice the predominance of white in these spaces: I like it. . just intrigued at the common thread. . .

Like

February 12, 2014 at 11:25PM



Eve Millington

Neutral schemes, yes lots of white, glass and very little or no clutter. The smallest spaces can look like this too. The key is layout, outlook and a less is more approach.

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February 13, 2014 at 8:21AM



Lee Wilde Fine Art

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My view of Elizabeth Bay, Sydney, Australia :)



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ceciliepus2

The view from my small bedroom



4 Likes

February 16, 2014 at 2:14AM



elsiemcmillin

For some of us, life's richest experiences are enjoyed through vision. My vision is declining severely, and each morning I awake to experience this view, I count myself most fortunate. Tonight we had lightening over snow and ice! I know I'm lucky.



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February 20, 2014 at 7:16PM



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Comfort

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March 2, 2014 at 1:57PM



medinaearl

L-shape windows to maximize views

Like

March 27, 2014 at 6:32AM



Southland Log Homes

PRO

The first picture is stunning. Not one part of the room you can't look out of on that wall. Gorgeous lake view!

Like

April 2, 2014 at 1:42PM



koahsgirl

Absolutely LOVE the Pacific Ocean view (picture #8)!

Like

April 3, 2014 at 3:15PM



purrdygirl

Waking up in this room would make me feel as though I were in the center of the universe! Love love it.

Like

May 21, 2014 at 4:12PM



Eve Millington

Here's my humble version of summer love from our cottage bedroom in the Quebec wilderness.



Like

May 21, 2014 at 6:08PM



fanniepearl

Whoever was asking about the shades that roll up with a remote. They're fantastic. I live in a high rise on the 18th floor and have them covering every window in the place. Up or down with the flick of a button. I have the remote sitting on my nightstand. I'll never use any other kind of window covering.

1 Like

May 29, 2014 at 6:33PM



stryker

fanniepearl, what powers those shades? Batteries?

Like

May 31, 2014 at 4:28AM



fanniepearl

We hardwired them during the remodel (like turning on a regular light switch for an overhead light) but you can get some that are powered by battery only.

Like

June 28, 2014 at 2:01PM



stevebachrach

Nice

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June 28, 2014 at 10:25PM



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I like it



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krishoney

Fireplace bt windows, tv possibly over, view from foot of bed



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March 8, 2015 at 5:14PM

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Expert Talk: Designers Open Up About Closet Doors



Closet doors are often an afterthought, but these pros show how they can enrich a home's interior design

Lawrence Karol
Houzz Contributor. After graduating from UC Berkeley, I found myself utterly... [More >](#)



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I recently bought a new home, and my hunt was rather extensive — 74 viewings, to be precise. As I walked through all of those houses, I frequently saw something I didn't like: my own reflection in mirrored closet doors framed in gold metal.

Now mirrored doors have their place — in some cases they can reflect a beautiful view of the outdoors. But in general, they're not for me. So I got in touch with a bunch of designers and asked for some much-needed inspiration. Here are their suggestions.



Make your mark. Todd Davis of [Brown Davis Interiors](#) sums things up perfectly with the observation that "one of the ultimate luxuries is having a beautiful master closet."

These doors are in a residence that Davis and his partner, Robert Brown, designed in Manalapan, Florida. They gutted the unit and changed the floor plan. This closet is also a walkway from the master bedroom to the husband's private office.

Their client told them she loved the "X" pattern in general, so Davis and Brown

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incorporated it into the master closet doors. "To provide extra texture and warmth, as well as ventilation for the clothing, we simply hung and stretched a neutral silk fabric behind the wooden doors and the 'X,'" says Davis.



Harmonize and be happy. Instead of using traditional doors for this closet, designer **Marie Burgos** wanted to harmonize them with the shoji screens she used for the bedroom door.

"The whole idea was to keep the space peaceful and harmonious, with a hint of Asian style, to create a real retreat that would remind the owner of his own tropical island," she says. "I used **feng shui** throughout the whole home, and the bedroom is no exception."



Customize on a budget. "I was challenged to outfit a rather large dressing room in this house," says architect **Mark English**, "and was amazed at the price to do so with conventional closet-company systems. In the end, we chose Ikea systems and adjusted the room dimensions slightly to relate to the product door sizes."

He adds, "The hardware, hinges and glides found on the Ikea product are certainly as good as what you might find in a lot of the more expensive products out there."

Don't let this happen to you. This is the look I'm trying to avoid.



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Match the style of your house. "For the most part, the doors we use for the closets in our projects match the door style being used throughout the rest of the house," says Pi Smith of [Smith & Vansant Architects](#). "Door style — panel layout and material — relates to the overall style and character of the house, so the choice of doors is a specific design decision we make on each project."

For this house, Smith's team used four-panel doors that are typical of the early-20th-century lake cottages found in the area where the firm is located in Vermont. Smith commented that this type of door looks nice paired with closets, particularly in this case, where they're

symmetrically composed around a fun dormer window.

The doors are solid, painted MDF with [Emtek](#) oil-rubbed-bronze hardware.



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Get a custom look. This is another design by Smith & Vansant. In this master bedroom, custom butternut doors make the closet a feature. The architects decided not to bring the doors down to the floor, instead running paneling beneath them to make this area feel more like a built-in than a closet.

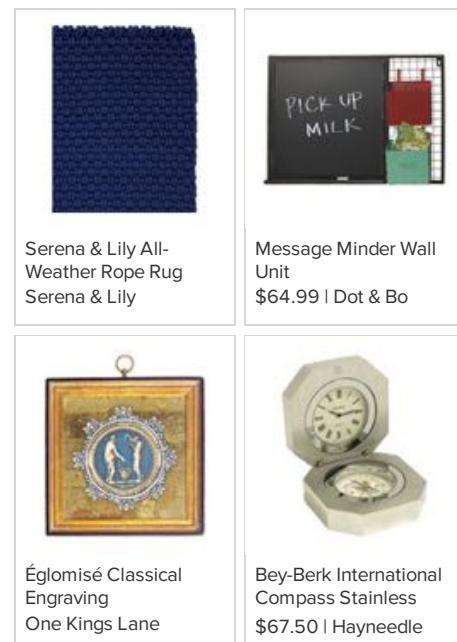
"We could have used a row of closet doors on this wall," says Pi Smith, "but the butternut brings so much more character to the room. Even though these are new doors, they have an antique feel that's beautiful with the tinted plaster walls."



Open the barn door. There was no good way to use a traditional swing door in this layout, so Jeff Murphy of [Murphy & Co. Design](#) opted for this painted poplar sliding one. It closes off either the closet or the entire room depending on its position.

"It also adds some fun barn-door-style detailing, since this bedroom was for a young girl who is an avid horse rider," says Murphy.

Go with the airflow. Here, the mirrored wall is safely tucked above the closet and subtly adds to the height of the vaulted ceiling.



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This home is located in Mexico, and the wood used for the doors is local to the Cancun area. "The rooms need to be air-conditioned all year round, and the upper louver section allows for air to circulate inside the closet," says designer [Jerry Jacobs](#).

"Another important consideration was the break where I decided to stop the closet and create an arched niche [partially shown] with a mirror and drawers," he adds.



Conquer with contrast. Here we've got a modern twist on those classic, ugly sliding doors that I talked about earlier. These are made from a combination of aluminum (for the frame), white back-painted glass and a wood veneer.

"Instead of taking away from the space, they really add an element of style with the contrasting paneling in material that works with the rest of the decor," says designer [Jodie Rosen](#). "It's a great solution for a space that requires a closed door but where there's no space for a door swing."



Peter McDonald Architect >

Avoid conflict. This house was a rebuild on top of an existing foundation, and the architects were limited by a tiny footprint. The two upstairs bedrooms were very small as well.

"If you look to the left in the photo, you can see the door into the room from the stair hall," says architect [Peter McDonald](#). "If we had made the closet door swing in a more traditional way, it would have conflicted with that door — and I hate doors that conflict."

Instead, his team used doors that slide in front of the window seat. They also found barn door hardware that matched the hardware they used in the rest of the house and stayed within their beach cottage theme.



Applegate Tran Interiors >

Clean it up. In a bedroom that was lacking in storage in a major way, Gioi Tran of [Applegate Tran Interiors](#) created an entire wall of closets. The framed frosted-glass doors have "clean lines and slide to take up less space," Tran says.

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charlee

"Don't let this happen to you" Funny!!! I've seen those closet doors everywhere, they must have been hugely popular at one time. I like the idea of shoji screens, although I think they're a bit delicate and I wonder how long before I put my fingers thru them!

8 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 3:03AM



Lucianna Samu - Color and Design



These are excellent examples of closet doors. It is an overlooked element of most houses.

Here is one version of the outside (plain), and inside of a pantry door in a little lakeside cabin.



7 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 4:31AM



suzig09

I don't love my mirrored closet door either. But I do need the full-length mirror. Any more attractive options that provide a mirror?

5 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 4:42AM



chinagirl99

To Suzig09 - A beautiful cheval mirror always adds a nice note. They come

in lots of styles and price points.

1 Like

September 5, 2012 at 4:54AM



thegreenbee

Amen to saying "no!" to mirrored, gold trimmed closet doors!

6 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 5:08AM



olldroo

A simple mirror on the back of a door - the door to the room or a swing door on a wardrobe, gives a solution that doesn't add furniture or intrude in the room. I also like Ikea's wave mirror, 2 or 3 as a feature on the wall can look great, depends if there is an appropriate place. Beware of hanging mirrors opposite windows too.

I have also seen cheval mirrors now that open to hanging space for jewellery.

2 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 5:27AM



Gretchen125

A cost-conscious option for those 'stuck' with the gold mirrored doors...spray paint the frames with aluminum colored paint and use a glass frosting spray on the mirrors. Instant update for very little cost!

19 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 5:27AM



Contempo Space

PRO

Those big mirrored sliding doors can definitely be too much!

Sliding doors in general can sometimes be more trouble than they're worth in the long run, but the huge barn door up there looks like it will stand the test of time!

People seem to like the mirrored wardrobes lately. You get the full length mirror, but it's not so overwhelming. Another thing we'll do often is a wall with several wardrobes but only a couple of mirrored doors.



4 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 5:30AM



charleee

Contempo Space - I totally agree with you. The biggest problem with sliding doors is you can only see half your closet at a time. Bi-fold doors (that actually stay on their track) is a better solution, in my mind.

2 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 5:35AM



Contempo Space

PRO

Agreed, bi-fold doors seem better when regular doors won't do.

1 Like

September 5, 2012 at 5:47AM



jwhitt

I didn't want the typical bifold door for the small kitchen pantry so, I made these. You wouldn't believe how many people think it is a hutch!
Jeff Whittum NH



38 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 6:38AM



olldroo

Looks good but how do you keep things on the doors?

5 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 6:44AM



midmodfan

'Match the style of your house' is the best advice, not only when it comes to closet doors.

3 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 7:05AM



farsch

After a long search for a lake home, we found one we love - EXCEPT this long hallway with brown closet doors. The house has these same doors all over the place - kitchen, family room, bedrooms... This is a decorating challenge for me! Any ideas?



1 Like

September 5, 2012 at 7:45AM



Mydoma

PRO

Great discussion! Closet doors are often overlooked, but they can add so much to the space, or in the case of mirrored doors- take so much away! You had a good collection of different styles, thanks!

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September 5, 2012 at 7:53AM



jwhitt

Velcro. Have had a few crashes but for the most part works well.

2 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 8:50AM



thegreenbee

Farsh- Paint is the cheap and easy way to go with your doors!

This discussion reminded me of my grandma, who had a full length mirror on the inside coat closet door in her entryway. I watched her there,

applying her bright pink lipstick and straightening her hair and pearls in a cloud of Chanel No. 5 many times. :)

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September 5, 2012 at 10:50AM



farsch

Green Bee, I love the image of your grandmother. I can see her!

2 Likes

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slogan3561

The bi-fold doors in my bathroom (separating laundry area from bathroom area) are so horrible I had my husband take them down. If one was on the track, the other was off, so away they went. Looking at these doors gave me some good ideas for replacements. Someone should outlaw bi-folds. Thanks for the article.

4 Likes

September 5, 2012 at 3:01PM



charleee

slogan - Yes! That is the inherent problem with bi-folds. They can never stay on track! The good points are they take up less space, and you can see your entire closet. But it's not worth it if they come off in your hand!

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September 5, 2012 at 3:13PM



suzig09

Thanks everyone for the great ideas. My bifold is sturdy but ugly. The cheval with jewelry storage really fits several needs. How did we ever live without the Internet?

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Barbara Ceo

Anyone hear of pocket doors? I had them added to three bathrooms in a new build. It's difficult to add after, unless you have room to do so. Two were in a jack&jill and one was off a hallway entrance,

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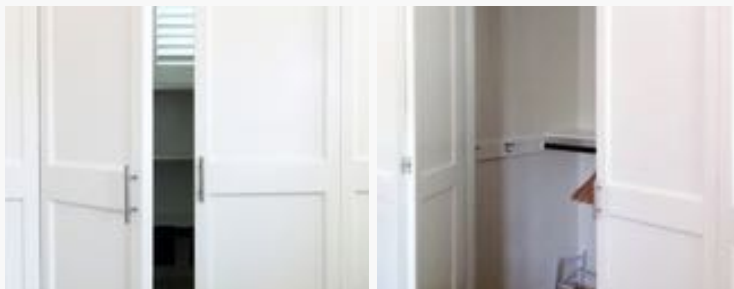
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Moss Yaw Design studio

PRO

A great option for replacing standard closet doors is to use soss hinges. The custom doors we designed in the attached images allow the homeowner to open only the central 2 panels of the closet, or easily access to the entire closet space, as all the panels fold flat upon themselves. The 2 side panels are secured to the floor with standard deadbolts, which are easily lifted for easy access. The solution requires no track, and little clearance (or we probably would have used barn doors). They work incredibly well, and look great. If desired, one could incorporate a mirror into the panels, or any type of decorative molding, but in all cases, this would be a custom application...





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olddroo

I have quite a few pocket doors, they are an absolute boon, the only thing you have to remember is you can't nail anything to the walls where the pocket is. Unfortunately, though mine also have become quite noisy as all sliding doors seem to, don't know whether it is old age or not (mine.....or maybe the doors too) but they are really annoying me of late.

Thanks for the tips on bifolds, I was about to replace two sliding doors to a walk in wardrobe with bifolds. I will really check them out carefully.

jwhitt - you are brilliant, I wouldn't have thought of velcro.

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September 5, 2012 at 6:24PM



frenchdecor

Since I saw first time Pax wardrobes I decided redesign bedrooms (I added 30" to tiny kids' bedroom removing built-in closets between master and kids' bedrooms) and replaced closets with IKEA 236cm high Pax wardrobes. Inserts and door style you can chose as you like. My family is just in love with them, so convenient and adjustable as well.

2 Likes

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ngum

We have a modern home with clean lines (eichler) and have read that we should use flush doors. Are there more interesting doors that you would recommend for this house style? One we have considered is 6 Panel rectangles, but it seems these are for craftsman houses.

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September 6, 2012 at 4:26AM



Moccasin

Great feature. I previously viewed many of these photos, but having them all together is convenient. I have two old heavy cypress doors, louvered top and bottom, which were salvaged from our house destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. These doors I have planned to use in the remodel of the kitchen and new entry door to the master bedroom. Mounting them as barn doors is part of the plan for my basic little stucco cottage. And I attach a photo of the two doors with part of the paint stripped. Hmmm, don't think I'll take off all of it. Just smooth it all up a bit.



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lindacongrove

My house has four sliding wood doors on the master closet and each door is completely faced with a mirror. I think the mirrors were added later. They are very heavy and I can't wait to get rid of them! I've thought of Shoji screens because I like the look but I don't think they would fit with the style of my 50's ranch. There are other great ideas here that I hadn't thought of, terrific article!



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September 8, 2012 at 5:32PM



olddroo

moccasinlanding - sorry to hear you lost your house, that must have been a very traumatic time for you. I'm not normally into the distressed look but your doors really look good. What a story they could tell!!!! I would be inclined to keep them as they are as a feature, smoothed up as you say if necessary, and build your decor around them.



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September 8, 2012 at 5:58PM



nisenburg

Is there anyway to "mask" ugly mirrored closet doors? (The above 7th photo is our dilemma!) Thanks.



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olddroo

Nancy, did you mean the 4th photo, can't see any problem with the 7th? If you did, check out Gretchen125's comment.



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September 10, 2012 at 3:42AM



nisenburg

I need ideas of how to mask mask mirrored closet doors. (See 4th photo). HELP blot out the ugliness!



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ariadne

In my last home I had a full length mirror on the inside of two closet doors which I could manipulate to almost like a 360 mirror. I'm currently renting though so I've put a full length mirror at the back of my "walk-in" closet (it barely counts as walk-in, it's so small).

Just a question though, why do people use closet doors inside of a large walk-in closet? It is for the minimalist look? Personally, I like seeing all the clothes, shoes and bags etc on display like a store and I'm very curious about the reason for the room of doors look.



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October 11, 2012 at 9:39PM



thehalfie

Call me crazy, maybe it's the teeny tiny (smallest was 175sqft not including the bathroom) rentals I've squeezed into, but I would KILL for full length sliding mirrors.



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December 15, 2012 at 11:15PM



mona07452

"Don't let this happen to you" sliding mirrored closet doors stare back at me every morning! As ugly as they are, we like having a large mirror that doesn't take up any wall space, but I'll be damned if I know how to improve

them! Now that I've read some of your comments however, I was thinking I might change the painted trim that surrounds them, and also modify the gold -- have to learn more about applying aluminum paint.

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January 4, 2013 at 11:22AM



Supa Doors

PRO

As a door manufacturer, we see a lot of interesting ways people are using doors for closet application, but one that is really catching on in having a full length "inset" mirror into the back of a door. Not only homes, but upscale hotels are starting to do this as it allows for that so often useful FULL length mirror hidden away until it is needed. Check with your manufacturer that you end up using, but this is such a nice touch that people love to incorporate into a door See attached.



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Contempo Space

PRO

We've been getting more orders for interior mirrors in our freestanding pieces as well. We actually just did this one with mirrors inside and out!



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March 20, 2013 at 8:24AM



bumblebee728

Instead of Velcro to keep objects from falling, try denture adhesive.

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April 4, 2013 at 7:17AM



silverseas

has anyone tried frosting the glass mirrored sliding doors? any videos?

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May 7, 2013 at 6:36PM



Helen Corben

Are there any circumstances where mirrored robes are not daggy and uncool? I have small bedrooms with full height robes that I am planning to put full mirror sliding doors on. Not the gold trim i can assure you all.....The mirror robes would reflect great light from opposite full height windows and I feel would help make room feel more spacious. Teenage girl rooms too!

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May 26, 2013 at 3:54AM



Contempo Space

PRO

Nope. Mirrored [wardrobes](http://www.contempospace.com/bedroom-furniture/wardrobe-closets.html) are always cool.



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May 28, 2013 at 7:41AM



williamshomestead

I don't see anything wrong with mirrored closets doors. Better not visit my room because I'm sure going to do mirrors. Individual style is better than "what's in right now".

3 Likes

July 20, 2013 at 5:14PM



Beatrice Lawson

We replaced the gold framed mirrored double closet doors in our open concept hallway that were reflecting our living room with folding doors from HD. Fairly inexpensive, hubby installed them in one day and five years on have never had a problem. They look great, matching the rest of our panelled doors and I love that I can see everything at once. Also, they don't take a lot of space when opened.... Very happy with it. I only have a mirror above a small chest of drawers at the front door now and have never lacked the full length mirror, but if I had to have one I would install one on the inside of the closet door in the bedroom. I just happen to dislike big mirrors that double everything, and particularly in the bedroom I would hate that.... I know they are a hugely popular item but in our house a floor length one would be full of hand prints or broken soon:-)

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August 14, 2013 at 2:37AM



vacox

ariadne: the reason people use closet doors inside large closet rooms is dirt and dust. If you don't have doors, then all your shoes, and purses, and shoulders acquire a layer of dust, pet hair, and whatever. I speak from experience. I am right now adding wardrobes inside a 9x12 closet room because of this very issue. Our room has an open doorway, so it's even worse (can't keep any dust out). I guess I could put a door on but dust would still settle. Every time I look at these huge master closets on Houzz with beautiful built-ins I wonder who dusts all that stuff.... LOL

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Donco Designs

PRO

This is such a great post. There is really no reason why closet doors can't be interesting. You gave readers a great deal to think about and excellent examples for visualization. This is a cost effective way to make a room look nice without breaking the bank. Kudo's on such a practical post.

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August 19, 2013 at 3:54AM



lambypie

I recently bought a house that has a dozen (no kidding) ugly gold-trimmed sliding mirrored closet doors. Eight of them are in the master bed and bath. I wanted to replace them with shoji screens, but due to the cost, I came up

with this solution. I started by painting the gold trim and tracks with a brown to match the wood trim. Then, applied self-stick window film from the local home improvement store to cover the mirror and am finishing the look by applying thin pieces of stained wood cross members to give me the look of a shoji screen. Not the real thing, but a huge improvement over seeing myself walk, dress, bathe, sleep....

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September 2, 2013 at 7:18PM



YogaJulie

You can hang ceiling to floor drapes in front of the mirrors and simply pull them back when want access.

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frenchdecor

@Helen Corben though mirrors make room look bigger it also make it look not so cozy, in some cases too busy, depends on how much stuff you have there. In teen room some clutter will make it look messy (doubled visually). I came to conclusion while looking for a house. I have full length framed mirrors, but just one per room keeping proportions and facing the most plain wall. Think through carefully, or better if you have big mirrors in the house try how it feels with your normal living conditions, not cleaned up as for photo shoot.

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Ina See

Make part of the closet built-in

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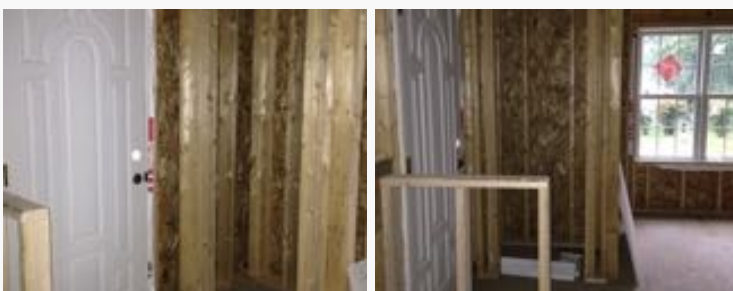
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curlieq

I will have a small closet adjacent to the breakfast nook. It's also just inside the kitchen back entryway. On the drawings, the two doors would bang into each other if one is left open. No room for a pocket door. I was thinking of a Roman shade. I think that might look classier than something like a shower curtain. Add matching Roman shades to the breakfast nook windows... Thoughts?



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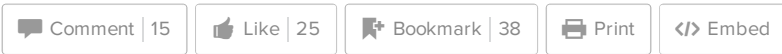
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Fabric Focus: Savor the Sensuousness of Silk



With its refined texture, resiliency and luxuriousness, silk has been popular since 3000 B.C. Here's how to make it work in your home today

**Karen Egly-Thompson**Houzz contributor. A former interior designer turned interiors writer,... [More >](#)

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Silk is probably the most revered fabric in the world. With its smooth hand and shimmering good looks, silk is elegant, natural and classic. Its understated sheen is delightfully lustrous without the garish shine found on some synthetics. But if you thought silk was only for fancy spaces, you may be surprised. Learn more about this special fabric and how and where you might use a touch of it in your home.

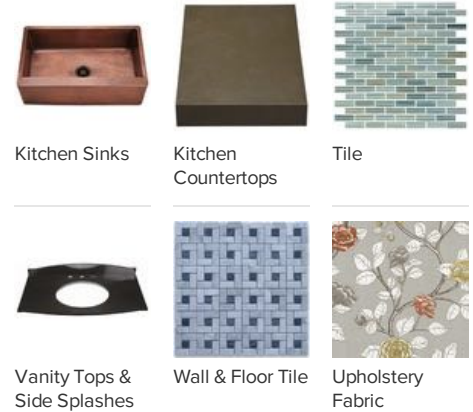
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According to legend, silk was discovered by an ancient Chinese empress who was enjoying a cup of tea under a mulberry tree when a silk cocoon fell into her hot tea and began to unravel.

Bewitched by the glimmering threads, she is credited with kick-starting the development of silk production with the *Bombyx mori*, or mulberry silkworm, around 3000 B.C. Silk changed the world with the formation of the Silk Road from Asia to the West, and today it continues to be a hot commodity for clothing and home furnishings.

Benefits of silk

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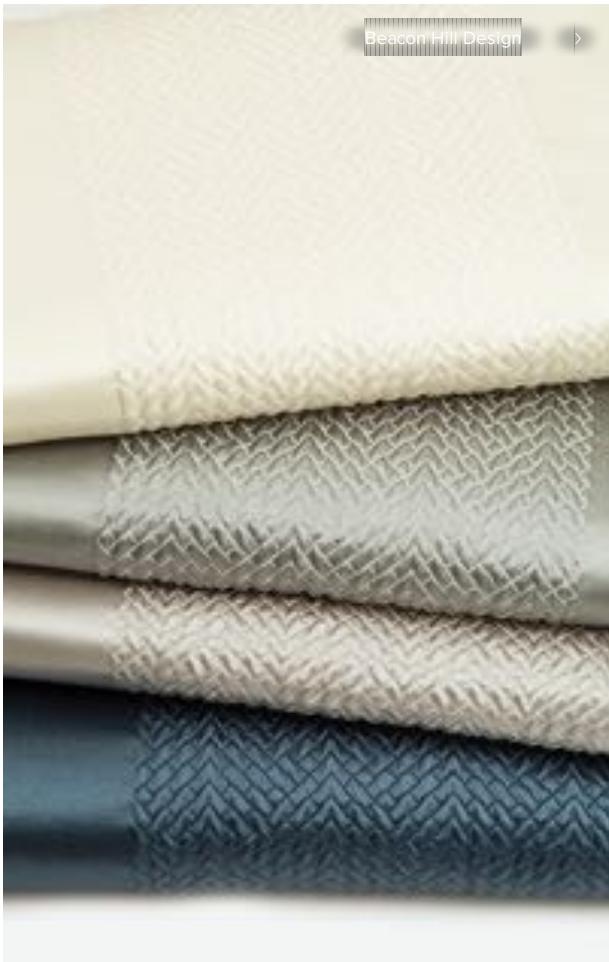
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- Refined texture. Silk has a nice hand; it's smooth but not slippery like some synthetic fabrics. "There are faux silks on the market that do mimic the sheen of silk, but nothing will ever give the lasting impression of fine quality and elegance like real silk does for me," designer [Karla Trincanello](#) says.

- Strong and resilient. Silk has high tensile strength and is known as the strongest natural fiber. Protein-based, silk has been used in parachutes, and each fiber is as strong as an iron wire with the same diameter. Silk is also resilient to crushing and resists wrinkling.

- Lightweight insulation. Cool in the summer and warm in the winter, silk breathes and is the most

insulative fiber with the lightest weight. It also is able to absorb about 20 percent of its dry weight in moisture.

- Resistant to the detrimental four "M's." Silk is inherently resistant to mold, mildew, moths and mites.
- Rich, deep color. Silk takes dye really well, which is why you see a lot of rich, deep and even bright silk fabrics.

Disadvantages of silk

- Low abrasion tolerability. While silk is strong, it isn't an ideal candidate for pieces that will undergo a lot of wear.
- Prone to sunlight damage. Sunlight wreaks havoc on silk and breaks down the fibers. If you want to use silk on windows or in sunny spots, you will need to take preventative measures, such as using a lining. Having a UV filter on your windows will help too.
- High-maintenance cleaning. While water doesn't damage the silk itself, it does affect the surface and often leaves permanent water marks. So silk shouldn't be cleaned with water; a chemical dry-clean method should be used.
- Costly. Considering the whole process and rarity of materials, it's no surprise that silk is expensive. Expect to pay from \$75 to about \$150 per yard for a plain woven silk fabric. Heavier weight, brocades and embroidered silks often fetch more. Some lighter-weight solids can be found for about \$50 per yard.



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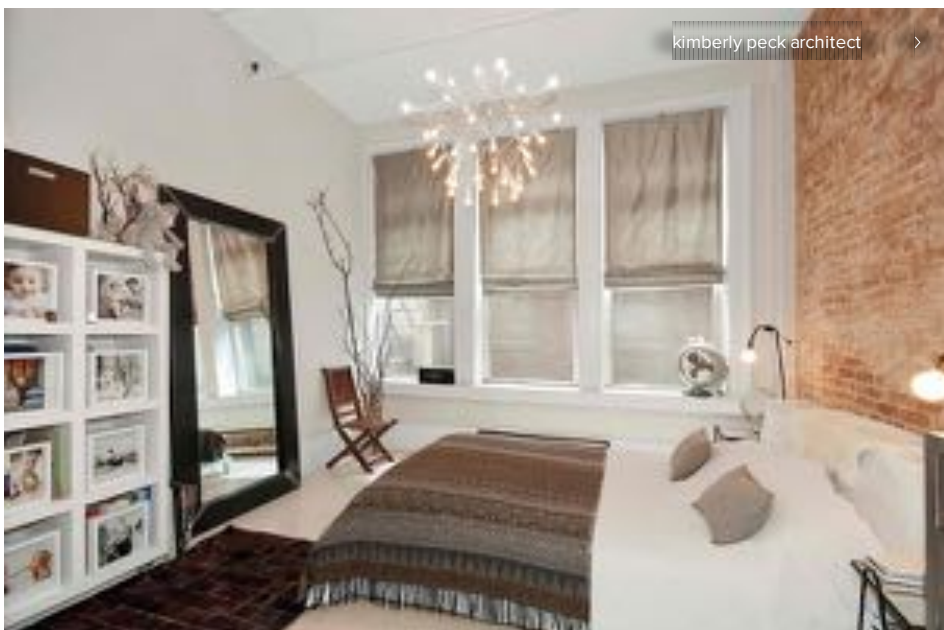
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Where to Use Silk







Silk drapery. Trincanello loves using silk in her design projects. "It is always elegant and impressive," she says. "It creates an aura of fine quality." She used dupioni silk for the drapery in this bedroom. Dupioni is a type of silk that has a slubby texture running horizontally through the fabric.

Fine-quality silk drapery, Trincanello says, should always be lined and interlined. Lining is a thin white or off-white fabric that protects the drapery material from the sun by providing a barrier between the window and the back side of the fabric. Interlining is a thick intermediary layer between the drapery fabric and the lining that adds weight and substance, similar to a thin blanket.







Interlining gives fullness to the drapes and shows the treatment at its best. "This is not where to cut costs," Trincanello says. You can see the oomph that the interlining adds to the drapery in the example shown here. Bump is an interlining type made of a mixture of cotton and synthetic fiber that is ideal for silk drapes.



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If your space is more contemporary and you feel that traditional full-length drapes might be too formal, consider silk shades. This trio of relaxed Roman shades is made of taupe silk dupioni and adds texture and sparkle to the room without being overpowering.



Jane Antonacci Interior Design

Silk upholstery. Silk isn't ideal for everyday, heavily used furniture. Designer [Jane Antonacci](#) suggests reserving it for an occasional piece that gets light use.

Like drapery, silk upholstery needs some extra prep: a layer of knit backing permanently bonded to the back side of the fabric. The knit backing adds stability to the silk for durability and prevents it from slipping. It helps anchor it in place against the upholstery padding. Specialty workshops add the knit backing, so it's an extra step in the process.



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Silk velvet ages beautifully as upholstery but initially shows every spot. "Understanding how it ages and allowing the age to develop is worth it," Antonacci says. "Continue to use it, love it, and it will look better and better every year."

She advises to also have a stain-protection treatment applied to silk upholstery fabric. However, make sure the treatment is solvent-based and appropriate for silk. Water-based stain treatments may stain and discolor silk and should be avoided. Otherwise you can forgo a preventative stain treatment and go for a look of "faded glory," she says. "Then love it to death."

Silk-upholstered walls. Upholstered walls offer unsurpassed thermal insulation and also help control acoustics. Like upholstered furniture, silk-upholstered walls also need to have a knit backing added prior to installation.



[See more on upholstered walls](#)



Silk wallpaper. Upholstered walls don't fit everyone's lifestyle or budget. But if you like silk's textured, shimmery appearance on a wall in the glow of light, consider silk wallpaper. It works equally well in traditional and contemporary spaces, like this one. This paper-backed smoky gray silk wallpaper is made by Designtex.

[See more on getting started with wallpaper](#)



Silk area rugs. You might prefer some silk sheen underfoot. While some traditional Persian area rugs are made entirely of silk, there are also more contemporary pieces made of a blend of wool and silk, like the rug shown here.



Silk throw pillows. If you want to use silk in your home but don't have the budget, appropriate piece or lifestyle for silk on a large scale, decorative pillows are always a great option. There are so many gorgeous silks out there, it's a good opportunity to mix and match silk patterns and colors. The other bonus is that silk for pillows doesn't need a knit backing. Just make sure you have a quality pillow insert, like a down and feather blend.

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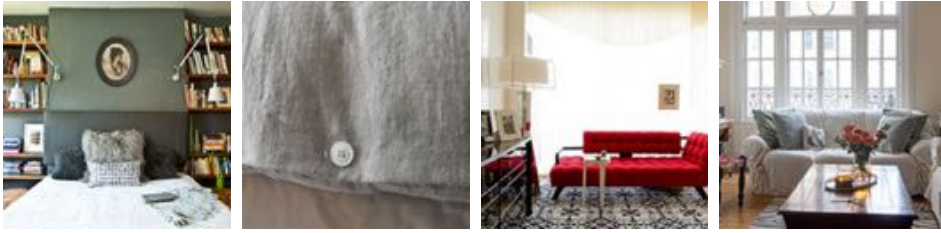
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eharley

Aren't we all done with the excessive use of unneeded pillows on a bed or sofa - enough already!!

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Mitch Gould

Good news: mere mortals can get almost this much beauty from rayon fabrics, for much less cost and upkeep.

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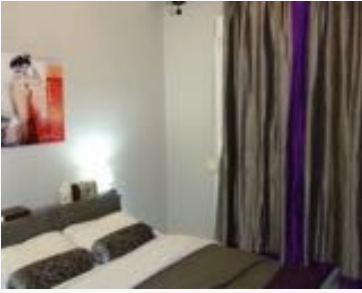
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Heidi Zagori

Dupioni silk is my favorite fabric. I had living room, dining room, and bedroom curtains made from it. The intensity of the color is just out of this world. It is true that sunlight degrades it though, and I wasn't advised at the time to have them lined, so I didn't -- big mistake. My bedroom curtains were permanently damaged by an unlikely event: some teenagers were egging houses and they threw a couple eggs onto my balcony. The windows were open, the curtains drawn, and the shutters closed. The eggs hit the shutters and smashed, and the egg landed on the curtains in a spatter pattern. The egg reacted with the silk and literally ate away at the silk fibers. I removed what I could and had them dry cleaned the next morning but the damage is permanent and visible (if you know where to

look), unfortunately. I was really unhappy as I'm sure you can imagine! I still love them though.



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hettlin

Eharley: no we aren't done with throw pillows. I am a very short woman (just under 5') while my husband and boys are all over 6'. Throw pillows allow me to sit on the same furniture as everyone else and not get lost in the cushion. It allows me to up and down off of furniture because when my back is against the back of the chair or sofa, my feet are six inches off the ground. Throw pillows are the solution to that problem.

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Miranda Rose

I guess I am really not a silk fan.

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charliesgrace

Silk velvet, you've got my attention!

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Karen Egly-Thompson

@Heidi Zagori, that purple silk is stunning! Too bad to about the egg damage though.

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Isn't it wonderful that nature can provide us with such a sumptuous fabric to beautify our homes! Great article on the many uses of silk! Thanks Karen!

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Nance Lee



I was jonesing for red watered silk on my 4 poster but couldn't justify the expense. Got essentially the same look with fake velvet from JoAnn Fabric. \$50 bucks. Just draped around the base of the pineapples for a no-sew, easy arrangement (which has so far held up despite regular, um, disturbances.)



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summery

Love these Ideabooks on fabrics, and I'm looking forward to the next ones.....wool? Hides?

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Karen Egly-Thompson

@summery - thank you! Damask is next, then leather

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Great article Karen, thanks for including one of my projects.

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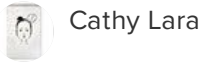
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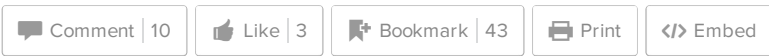
Houzz Tour: Urban Eclectic Loft in Manhattan



Music and art, family keepsakes and vibrant colors give a former rectory in New York a second life



Cathy Lara



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Most of interior designer [Marie Burgos](#)' previous clients had contemporary, modern or transitional styles. But the homeowners of this loft space in the Gramercy neighborhood of Manhattan, artist and photographer Samantha Heydt and her musician and producer boyfriend, had markedly different tastes and design preferences that even they had trouble defining. The design challenge for Burgos was to understand her clients' upbringings and lifestyles so that she could find items and finishing touches that would appeal to their eclectic taste. "The most fun I had on this project was seeing my clients' surprise and excitement when I finally grasped their style and reflected my understanding in the design of the space," says Burgos. She transformed the loft from a space with Venetian plaster, black floors and moldings to a fresh, modern, functional space filled with travel finds, vintage pieces and family keepsakes.

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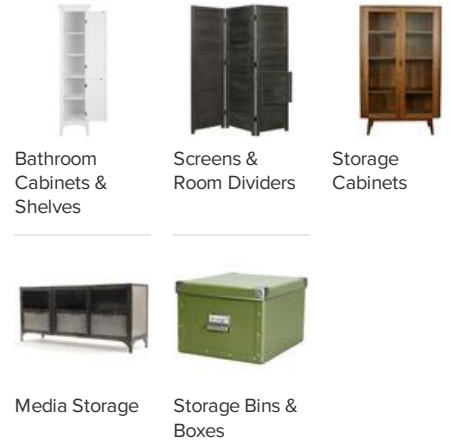
Who lives here: Samantha Heydt and her boyfriend

Location: New York City

Size: 2,300 square feet

That's Interesting: The unit is located in what used to be St. George Parish's rectory.

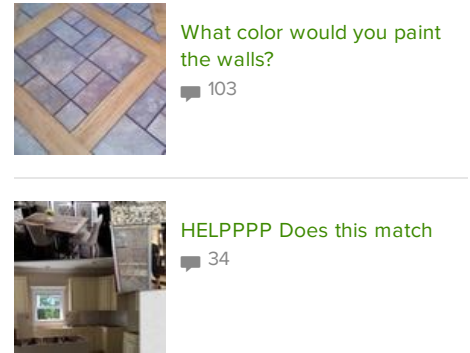
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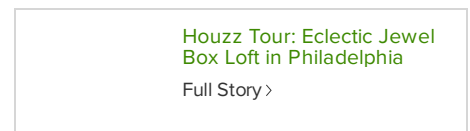


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The living room windows look into a neighboring building, but Burgos' clients barely notice, as they're too busy looking up: The 23-foot-high ceiling makes up for the lack of views. The watercolor painting is a gift from William Heydt, Samantha's grandfather, and the kilim rug is a vintage item purchased by Samantha in Istanbul.

Couch: ABC Carpet & Home



Most of the original wood floors in the living and dining area were kept, sanded and treated. "The floors needed a good clean because the previous owners had painted them all black. Once sanded, they revealed an amazing wood tone and fabulous design," says Burgos.

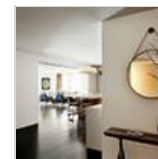
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Burgos had to remodel the entire kitchen into the slick, modern entertaining and preparing space that is today. "My client entertains often without having to turn on the stove — the food options are just endless here in New York!" Burgos replaced what used to be tiled flooring with a Jatoba herringbone-cut mahogany wood, an almost exact match to the wood floors in the living room. The leather pig on the marble counter was bought by Samantha's grandfather in the 1930s from Abercrombie & Fitch.







Bar stools: *The Foundary*; kitchen appliances: *Miele*



If this [Original Martinique Wallpaper](#) looks familiar, it's because it's the same one used at the Beverly Hills Hotel, on a Mariah Carey album cover, in Nikki Hilton's house and even on the set of *The Golden Girls*. Burgos purchased it from Designer Wallcoverings and Fabrics to create a fun, tropical-looking wall over the custom-made modern high-gloss dressers leading to the master bedroom.

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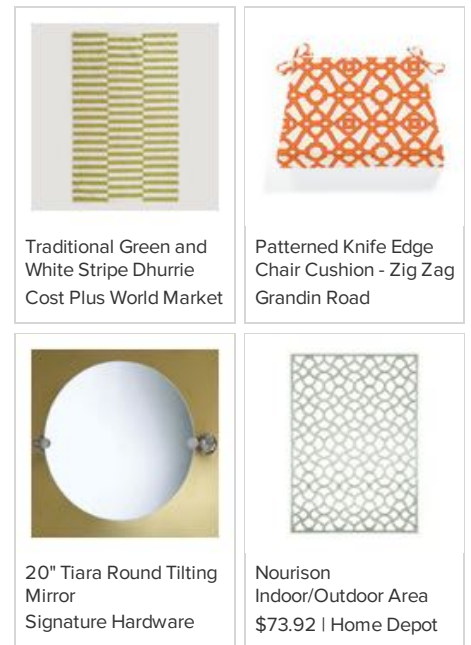
The dramatic black and silver wallpaper and music equipment in the loft's lower level make it clear that one of the homeowners is seriously into music. "Samantha's boyfriend is a record label producer and professional musician," confirms Burgos. The artwork, *Bird on a White Page*, is by Heydt, a professional photographer and visual artist.

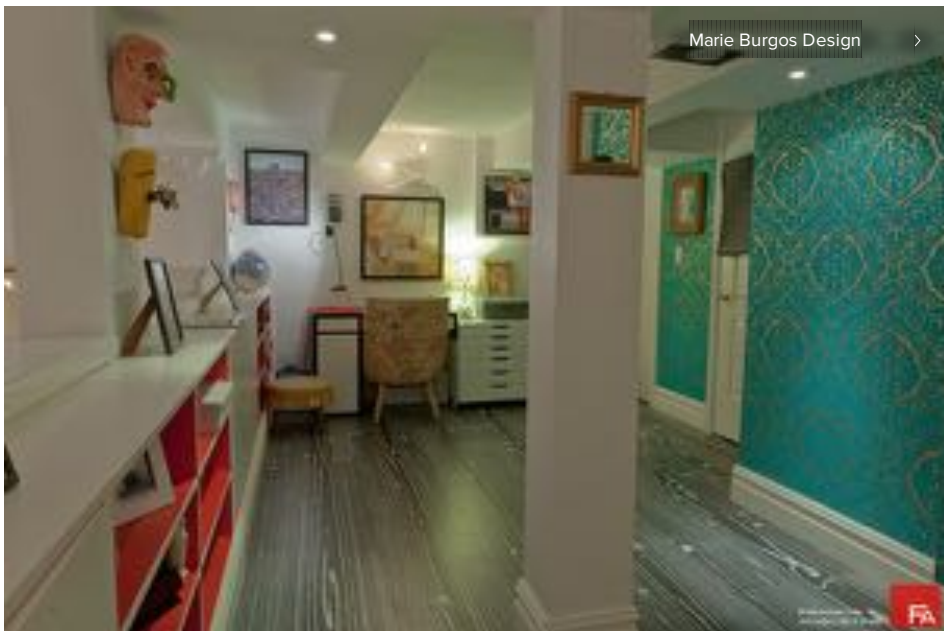
Wallpaper: *Barbara Hulanicki Hula, Graham & Brown*; floating cabinet: *Ikea*



Synthesizers, mixers and a turntable fill the shelf space above the couch — musical tools doubling as functional décor.

Couch: *Hive*





In the home office, Burgos installed porcelain floor tiles in wood-grain patterns inspired by Andy Warhol from [Ora Italiana's Uonuon collection](#). The upholstered vintage grandmother chair was a gift from one of Samantha's relatives. The home office showcases art from Samantha's travels, creating a mix of textures and visuals.

"The color splashes range in this room, from the red-orange custom cabinetry lining to the azure damask wallpaper; it's not a space for the color shy," says Burgos. The designer usually tells clients who are afraid of incorporating color into their living spaces to start with a beautiful memory. "I ask them to see what colors their favorite vacation or location brings them, what color their happiest memory invokes, and we build on that," says Burgos. "It makes for a very personal way of designing your home."

Wallpaper: Fiorvanti Azure Coromandel, Designers Guild



A spiral staircase, a remnant of the loft's past incarnation as part of St. George Episcopal Church's rectory (a church where financier and art collector J.P. Morgan worshipped and served), shares the space with framed prints and a book collection. It was important for Burgos' clients to be surrounded by art and inspiration. Samantha grew up in a California home filled with colors, vintage wallpapers and antique pieces; she also traveled a lot growing up and has been collecting original pieces from many countries. "It makes perfect sense for my clients to live in a place that had a completely different past life, and to add to it their own history and artistic inclinations. It's a very New York story and

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PRO Oh, I sigh for the old Fender speaker in the studio, but that table and chair are not the right height for using those keyboards. I'm sure there's a higher stool somewhere. The huge oversized floor lamp dwarfing the dining table is a crack up. So glad they waste the gorgeous floor.
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I'm so impressed with the floor (wooden) and the staircase. I rented a place that had glued indoor/outdoor thin carpet to one rooms wood floor & another painted 'royal blue'. It's astonishing what goes thru some peoples

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Kate L

Styles come and go so let us not judge "what were they thinking" until you look back into your past. But nothing about scale every changes and the scale of the floor lamp to the table is just wrong.

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~ I must agree with Kate L. ... that desk lamp mock-up as a floor lamp is immediately distracting and disturbing...perhaps 'ironically funny' in a teen's bedroom, but distasteful here. 'To each his own', as the saying goes.

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I don't like it at all. It looks unprofessional. I'm surprised they needed to hire an interior designer to make that amazing place look like it had been done by a barely out of college person moving into their first place. Seriously? What is happening to the profession. Did the designer do any research? The wall paper will not age well, and I guess she got the mail on the accent wall, but truly, how disturbing? The living room and dining room are lacking a personal touch and it looks like a month to month rental apartment. That lamp is atrocious there, as a matter of fact, all of the lighting is wrong. I wonder what the budget was...

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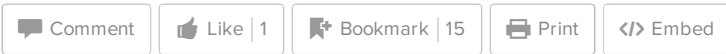
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'Extremely Loud' Teems With Kids' Décor Ideas



For quirky, creative children's room tips, take a page from the script of this Oscar-nominated film

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Oskar Schell lives in a magical, complicated, twisty world. In the Oscar-nominated film *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, this nine-year-old narrator is quick to share his likes and dislikes. Although he loves making jewelry and origami, playing his tambourine and studying astronomy, he hates public transportation, bridges and meat. Oskar's enchanting New York City bedroom isn't necessarily a fantasy kids' room, but its imagination immediately strikes the viewer. It's clear that Oskar's room is his refuge — which is how every child should feel about their own, special space.

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Movie set: Oskar has a lot of diverse interests, and his room is a wonderful display of his passions. As soon as you see it, you get a sense of who he is. Star charts and hand-drawn maps cover the walls. Models, minishrines, photos and toys litter his desk and shelves.

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Get the look: A child's bedroom is where their personality should shine. Try adding personal style with wallpaper or a fun paint color to start. Map wallpaper is a playful and timeless addition to any child's room. If you're up for it, let your child mark where he or she has been with thumbtacks or stickers for a more personalized touch. Built-in shelves are great display cases for trophies, art projects or favorite collections. They're also simple storage and display solutions that will continue to work for your child for years to come.



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Get the look: Pick a theme, but keep it simple. Oskar is a self-described amateur astronomer, so a room like this definitely would be his cup of tea. If your child is really into a certain activity right now, let them go for it in their room. Themed rooms can be a little daunting, since inevitably they're going to have to be changed as your child grows. But you can still keep a theme low key. This room does a great job — a hand-painted star chart, planets above the window and a telescope in the corner are all it took to turn this into a dream room.

Movie set: Each item in Oskar's room is a cherished treasure on display. Whether it's his secret shrine to his father, photos, origami, toy models or his beloved tambourine, he keeps everything organized and safely secured in its own special place.



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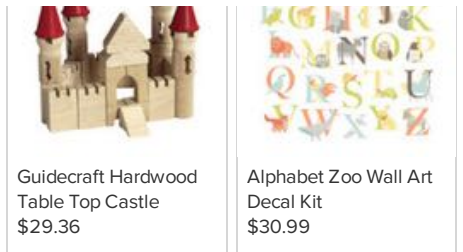


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Get the look: Creative storage solutions will help keep toys and treasures organized. If your child is a pack rat like Oskar, try coming up with simple ways that encourage organization. When divided up into smaller sections, it's less likely that a wall display shelf will become a cluttered mess. A set of small bins, a dresser with minidrawers or drawer dividers, or cabinets with multiple shelves all have smaller spots that can all help cut down the clutter and keep things neat and clean.

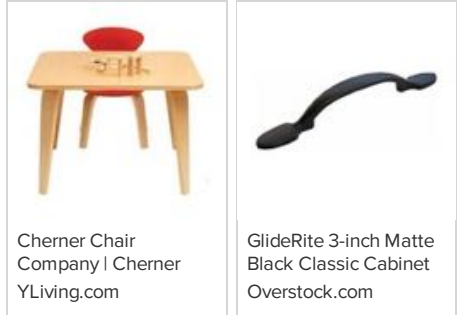
Get the look: Flat surfaces can help keep favorite items on hand. Even though some items should be safely tucked away, allow your child to display the cream of the crop. Flat surfaces keep favorite items in a convenient place for playtime. Trays are a great tool here too — use a few colorful ones to hold unfinished puzzles, small pieces of models or a Lego sculpture.



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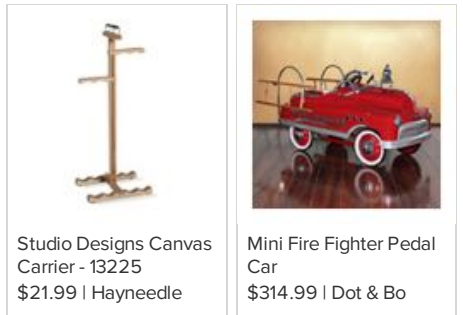
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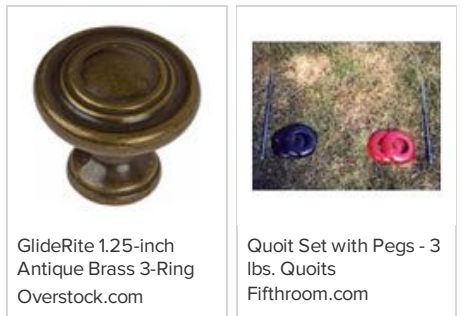
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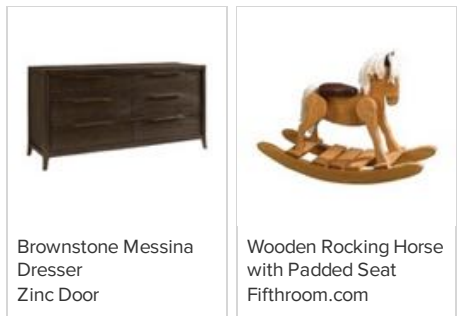
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Get the look: Don't forget the walls. Even if you're not a fan of posters on your beautifully painted walls (my mom certainly wasn't), there are plenty of clever ways to let your children personalize the wall space in their rooms. Bulletin boards are an easy solution — in fact, Oskar has several in his room in the film. They're the perfect place to pin up photos, old ticket stubs — or, if your child is like Oskar, the latest origami attempt.



Movie set: Oskar is a complex kid, to say the least. He's shy in some ways and outgoing in others. But when it comes down to it, he's just a kid, and every kid needs some space to play around in and get a little messy.



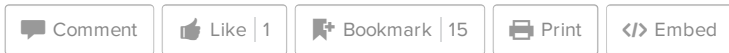
Get the look: Make room for playtime. Let your child enjoy being a child while there's time. Lots of carpet space and big tabletops are great places for kids to spread all of their toys out and get a little messy. Set up a craft table for finger painting and other projects. Or if your child is more into trains or cars, make a special spot to set up tracks.



Get the look: Is your child into music? If his or her interests go beyond the tambourine, you might consider setting up a special practice spot. Of course, electronic instruments with headphones or installing a little extra soundproofing could be worth your while too.

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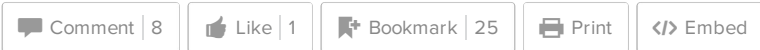
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Seating in a bathroom might seem like an afterthought, but it can be a very functional part of your room's style. An added chair, bench or stool can warm the place up, double as a small table, and hold linens and other necessities. In a powder room with little counter space, it is a great spot for guests to put their purses or keys. Oh, and if you are in the bathroom with a small child, it gives them a place to sit. Check out these examples:



Chairs create a comforting feel in a room that can feel cold. The rich wood, carved back, and ornate shape of this chair bring warmth to this bathroom and anchors the space.

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Here is another example of a chair anchoring the space. Choose one that makes a nice contrast to an otherwise monochromatic room. The warm red against the green/blue tiles creates interest.

If you have a countertop with open space underneath, add a stool. It can be pulled out to serve as seating or side table.



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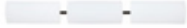
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Marie Burgos Design

Add a garden stool to your powder room. Guests will have a place for their purse or keys. Here is a [cute one](#) from West Elm and another in [shiny chrome](#).

How about a stool in the shower? This one is the [Prince Aha Stool](#) from allmodern.com.



An Asian-style teak stool adds a spa touch to this open shower. [Here's a similar one.](#)



A [bench](#) turns a bathroom into a spa with an upholstered seat and throw pillows. And if it is a storage bench, it can serve as a linen closet.



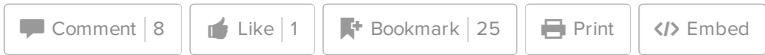
A long bench along a wall opposite your sink can be useful for placing slippers or a used towel.

I just love when function and style fuse together harmoniously. These stools pull out when you need them, then disappear when you don't.

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The first bath is beautiful - and love the stool!

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Rough Linen

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I have always squeezed a chair or stool into my bathroom for all the reasons you describe, plus, you can make a guest comfortable at bathtime - grannie? while bathing little children, your lover needn't sit on the toilet while you chat, and I do a far better job of brushing my teeth if I'm sitting. I have never had a shower suitable for a ledge or stool - I'm working up to that!

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Shoshana Gosselin

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I absolutely agree triciarose.....you are a riot right up my alley (chair is better than sitting on toilet while bathing kids but I like to run up and down the hallway while brushing my teeth :))

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Sharon Binette

I added this Zen type bench to place a towel close by when I get out of the bath tub.



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I have a black metal bar stool in our master bathroom which is positioned near my vanity and holds several of my bath towels; it is functional while aesthetically pleasing! It is also the perfect height!

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nmmana

I love to have a chair in the guest bath. It gives my houseguests a dry place to put their clean underwear. Also love to have a hook placed high enough on the wall, away from the wet areas to hang an outfit for post shower.

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Though somewhat similar in appearance, lucky bamboo is not the same thing as the stuff you may see growing wildly quickly along your neighbor's property line. Lucky bamboo is part of the *Dracaena* genus, and most of us will recognize it as the ubiquitous gift plant seen growing in pebble-filled glass containers filled with water. But this plant is not all novelty. It's a wonderful, versatile species that's able to thrive in many areas of the home or office where other plants may not, and can be used as an attractive, living design element that complements a wide range of furnishings.

Whether you prefer the clean look of naturally straight stems growing in a simple glass vase, or an ornate container with twisted stalks, this plant delivers. It is hardy, but you'll have to follow some basic tenets for it to survive. Here's how to get the most out of your lucky bamboo.

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In this elegant beach house, lucky bamboo has abandoned its Asian design associations and takes on tropical plantation style. Used in a casual bouquet-like arrangement, in a vase with soft edges as opposed to the rectilinear containers it's usually grown in, lucky bamboo has a different look altogether.

It also has an intriguing history, which can be traced back to Chinese culture 4,000 years ago (though it's native to West Africa), when it was considered a symbol of good fortune. While this plant is often thought of as a member of the bamboo family, in reality it's more closely related to lilies; its botanical name is *Dracaena sanderiana*.



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Lucky bamboo is at home beside a collection of curvy modern vases and abstract art here.

Twisted stalks are a relatively new feature of lucky bamboo, a novelty that has aided in the plant's popularity. Straight stalks can be manipulated as they grow by rotating the plant with respect to gravity and light sources. This is difficult to achieve at home, but it's not impossible with some spare time and a lot of patience — often years' worth.



A very tall lucky bamboo plant grown in soil provides a living accent in this area between an

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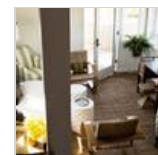
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Asian-style cabinet and a wall. It's a perfect complement to the gold-framed mirror with bamboo detailing.

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Lucky bamboo takes on a mysterious air here. The wispy stalks look almost like curling smoke from incense sticks or ribbons waving in the wind.



In a cheerful Turkish kitchen, this simple arrangement of curled lucky bamboo looks like a prop from a medieval fair. It takes up minimal space, but its height gives it the impact of a larger plant.



A traditional kitchen with a long counter always looks great with some greenery. Instead of a topiary, try a vase filled with lucky bamboo and a few pieces of pottery.



This clever homeowner uses a candelabra to hold both candles and lucky bamboo, with great results.



Tall stalks of curled lucky bamboo look fabulous on this low [coffee table](#), balancing the fireplace surround with its height and color. The touch of green connects the neutral living room to the outdoors, and specifically to large containers of authentic bamboo on the porch just beyond.



A casual arrangement of lucky bamboo in a [glass vase](#) gives the impression of an elegant bouquet of flowers, but it's a one-time investment that will thrive for years.



A pot of lucky bamboo makes a modern [statement](#), defining the opening to this sleek bathroom, where it's placed just out of reach of the sun's direct rays.

How to care for lucky bamboo:

- Temperature: It prefers 59 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit (15 to 25 degrees Celsius).
- Light: Provide bright, indirect [lighting](#); avoid direct sunlight. It's more tolerant of too little light than too much. If the plant begins to stretch toward the light, or the green color of its leaves fades, then the light is too low.
- Water: Change the water every one to two weeks. Use bottled spring water for fast growth and a beautiful deep green color; tap water contains chemicals and additives that can sicken or even kill the plant. For plants raised in soil, keep the soil evenly moist.
- Soil: Use well-draining, rich potting soil.
- Feeding: Use a liquid fertilizer recommended by the manufacturer, diluted to half strength, no more than once every two months. For plants growing in water, you can use liquid aquarium plant food. Specialty lucky bamboo fertilizers are available.
- Container: Grow lucky bamboo in a tall glass vase or ceramic container; shallow bowls are not advised. The water level should be constantly maintained to be 1 to 3 inches. A higher water level allows more root growth, resulting in a greater amount of top growth.
- Propagation: New stalks can be grown from original ones. Make a clean cut through the

stalk, seal the top with melted wax and place the cut piece in water treated with a rooting hormone. (Follow the directions on the package.) Refresh the water weekly.

Problem solving:

- If your plant emits a foul odor, it has very likely begun to rot due to water contamination. Throw the plant out and start again, or salvage any healthy portions of stalk and root them in water (see "Propagation" above). If there are side shoots on the stalk, you can cut these off and place them in water to make new tiny plants.
- Never allow dead leaves to stay in water; cut away any black roots.
- Mature roots are naturally red and not a sign of plant distress.
- Yellow leaves may be caused by too much direct light; overcrowded roots; chlorinated, salty or softened water; or too much fertilizer.
- Brown leaves usually indicate overly dry air or polluted water.

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Nia Markantonakis

I love and always did love the lucky bamboo plants. They always seemed to catch my eye with amazement of curiosity. They would look good just about anywhere classy or exquisite. Thank you for all the extraordinary information on the care of lucky bamboo's.

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Are they safe around pets?

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susanseet

Great article! This plant is especially in demand for Chinese New Year. Sara, your name caught my eye. Did you know that dahan means branch/twig in Malay? I thought it was interesting that you are into plants.

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Maintenance: Regular change of water, if you have several containers, is time consuming. What happens when you travel? Mosquitoes have adapted northwards, genetically now, all it needs is 2 days cycle. Explore gel.

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Design of Lucky Bamboo. I introduced this plant with pictures in my earlier comments, into a setting which required some definition and emphasis in design.

So design wise, pros and cons. It has a strong, stiff architectural quality. It creates

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Knicks sensation Jeremy Lin is house shopping. What kind of place should he choose?



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You may have to be living under a rock not to have heard anything about Jeremy Lin and his rise to fame, a Cinderella story this *New York Times* reporter calls "the most infectious grassroots movement since the Tea Party."

Through a string of circumstances, Lin now finds himself as the unlikely star of a much maligned New York Knicks team — a situation so surprising, seeing as just a week ago, he was sleeping on his brother's couch (let's hope it was a Togo), uncertain whether or not the Knicks would guarantee his contract for the remainder of the season and unwilling to find a permanent home on the East Coast.

But after a string of exceptional play and a stellar performance against the L.A. Lakers last night, Jeremy Lin is now in the market for a home. This report confirms that a broker has shown Lin two properties: a Manhattan apartment owned by a teammate, and a house in Westchester County.

My vote is for the Westchester County house. A sweet pad in the city next to the likes of Jay-Z and Beyonce would be nice and all, but nothing makes me happier than the thought of Lin — whose parents crashed at a relative's place in Elmhurst, to watch his game against the Lakers last night — hosting his entire extended family in a sprawling home just outside the city. And the New York Post reports that the Westchester house is close to the Knicks' practice facility in Greenburgh.

Houzzers, let us know in the Comments section which property you think Jeremy Lin should pick: apartment or house? And while you're at it, feel free to share Houzz photos that you think his soon-to-be hired interior designer should include in his or her sourcing.

The Bachelor Pad

This duplex penthouse is a fit for a highly-coveted professional athlete's lifestyle. But Lin, a devout Christian who considers the NFL's Tim Tebow an inspiration and role model, leads a life that's far from that of a stereotypical profile.



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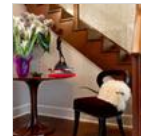
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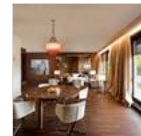
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The House in the Suburbs

Can't you just picture him welcoming his parents and two brothers in a house that's similar to this Colonial Revival?

Goodbye, Couch Surfing

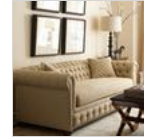
The overnight NBA sensation can look forward to a room of his own for the rest of the year. I don't think he'll miss the sofa too much.

Tell us: Which kind of house should Lin choose, and how would you style it?



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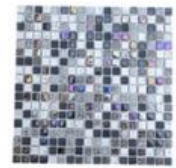
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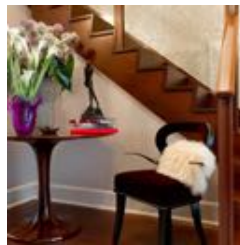


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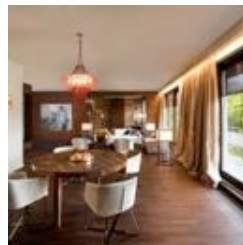
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@CasartCoverings - Thank you so much for your kind words! (And yes, Brian Patrick Flynn is a decor rock star.) It made my Sunday morning.

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@DebraKlingColourConsultant - Thanks for catching that. The correct distinction is now included in the piece. Cheers!

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The WESTCHESTER HOUSE.... It reminds me of our home(built in 1942/updtd 1959) -- makes me anxious to call a contractor and show him the pictures.

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Manhattan Apartment. There's nothing like NYC. And the suburbs are boring.

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Catherine

"crawls out from under her rock" Huh? No idea who he is, but since he's a single dude - tell him to get an apartment...and a maid.

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Come on up to Westchester!

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I don't know anything about this person.
What I like/dislike shouldnt make any difference.

He ought to live where he wants.

Please publish more photos of both homes.

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 **gknee**

The apartment which no doubt has more head room for his freakishly tall team mated when visiting. But really...who cares where he lives.

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He went with a little of both: an apartment in White Plains (a suburb of NYC)

http://espn.go.com/new-york/nba/story/_/id/7577073/report-new-york-knicks-jeremy-lin-moving-couch-apartment

Thanks to @janetpaik for the heads up!

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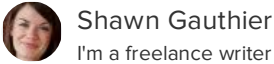
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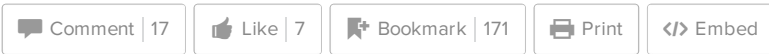
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You've finally found that perfect piece of art you've been looking for — now what? Artwork is such an important part of a decorating scheme. Because your art can be anything from an investment piece to a work of personal value, it's essential to integrate your pieces with the right colors. A Houzz user recently faced this **very dilemma**: How do you use color to highlight your art? If you're feeling stuck too, consider some of the following tips to give your artwork its well-deserved spotlight.



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1. Similar hues. Choose a wall color that is similar to the background of your artwork. This deep purple wall is a similar color to the background of this piece, creating cohesion and flow.

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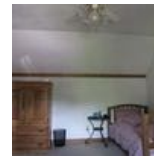
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2. Complementary shades. Reference the good old color wheel and choose complementary shades for your walls. This abstract with tones of yellow and orange sings against bold turquoise walls.



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An abstract with bold oranges comes alive against this purple wall.


3. Same color, different shades. Consider using colors from the painting, only in different shades. This painting has a pretty simple color scheme; pairing it with a deeper shade of blue on the walls creates visual interest.




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4. Stick to specific palettes. Certain pieces work really well with certain types of colors. If you want to make a series of black and white photographs feel powerful, pair them with dramatic red walls for an enticing impact.



Bright or neon pieces stand out against deep black or gray walls. If you're wary of painting an entire space such a dark color, just paint a single accent wall where the artwork is hanging.



Bright pieces with brown undertones take center stage against deep brown walls.



5. Keep it neutral. Sometimes neutral walls are the best way give your artwork the attention it deserves. Without any color competing behind it, this artwork becomes a focal point.



This piece evokes a quiet, tranquil moment on the water. That feeling is exaggerated against simple white walls that allow the photograph to do the talking.



The subtle beauty of these paintings is conveyed best against quiet, neutral walls.



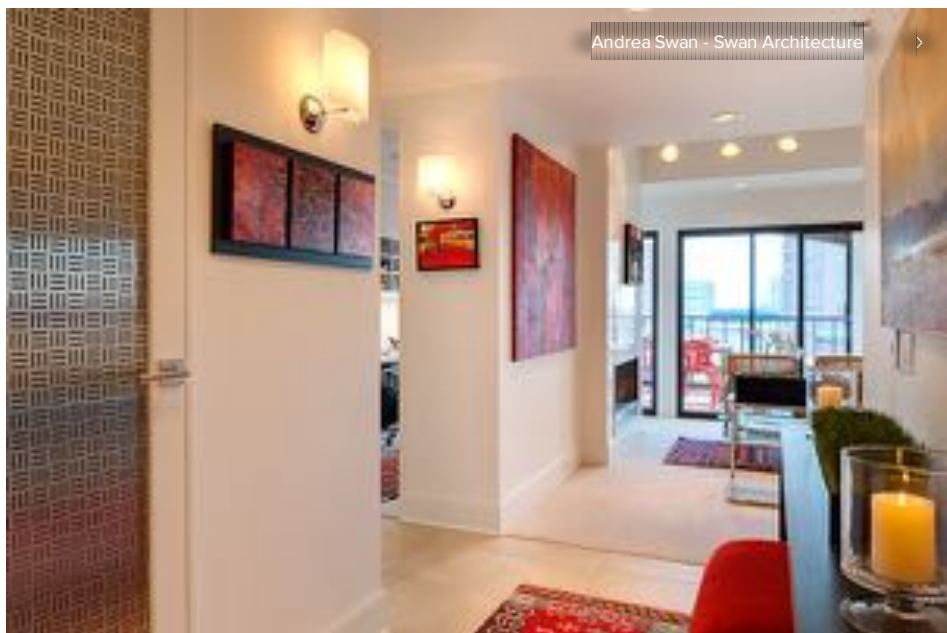
6. Play with furniture and accessories. Your wall color isn't the only thing that can help your artwork stand out. Creating a balance between the colors of the artwork and the furniture in the room will help the artwork become more of a presence.



This yellow couch pulls its color from the pieces on the surrounding walls. The balance actually draws the eye toward the warm artwork.



pink artwork feels like a part of the scheme with a chair in the same color.



Pull the color of your art palette into accessories or accent pieces too. These rugs pull the red from the paintings down to the floor.

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Madison Modern Home

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Love any post that deals with how to work with art, since it perplexes so many. We've used boldly hued original art on gray walls to modernize spaces, like this dining room with its traditional furnishings. We let the abstract geometric art be the star in this room.



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storklady

I love the photos you chose. Each room is beautiful. I was taught in college- many moons ago - that you buy art because it speaks to you and it's not necessary for it to either match your wall color or pop against your wall color. It just stands alone. Maybe that is an old-fashioned thought now.

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Thanks for bringing up the subject of color behind artwork. In the 80's people hung cheap prints on white walls, and sadly many never outgrew that. The best art museums compliment the work with colored walls. The National Gallery in DC uses soft colors and faux finishes in all the galleries of pre 20th century art. Faux finishes actually make the art stand out, which seems counter-intuitive, but try it sometime.

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June 27, 2012 at 3:30AM



Toni Sabatino

PRO

I love this article! Art and paint color can really make a space!



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June 27, 2012 at 4:26AM



franki7

LUV'd the Anna Baskin!!!! Beautiful! franki

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June 27, 2012 at 6:36AM



Jennifer Latimer & Gilded Mint

PRO

The Quicksilver by Sherwin Williams set off my abstract painting perfectly. It has a little gray in it and worked well with the pinks, gray, turquoise and blues in this art.



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June 27, 2012 at 6:45AM



patscats2

I do like the idea of balancing art with furniture color, that is not one I've heard before. Some of those ideas just don't appeal to my eye and I hate when they say "anything goes" because no, not everything looks good.

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karenikarn

The red and yellow schemes in these photos are ghastly. Good post, though.

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Debra Campbell Design

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I like to use the art, not paint, to make the colors pop in a room, but some of these are stunning.



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June 27, 2012 at 2:05PM



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Same room, different perspective.



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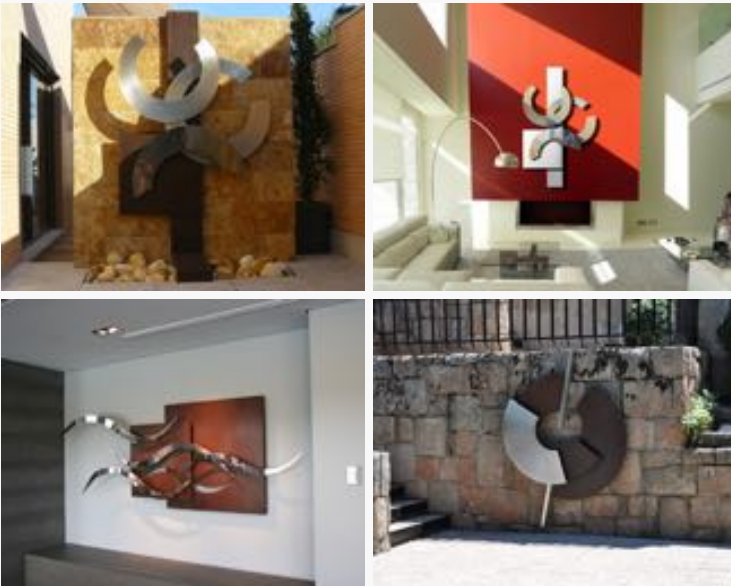
Thanks Shawn for pointing out the importance of colors to highlight art works.

As sculptor I am specialized in creating wall sculptures. Here you can see some examples. You'll see how I have used colors and textures on the background wall to highlight sculptures.

In some cases I have used stone with colors that match the materials of the sculptures (Stainless steel and rusted corten steel mainly). In some other

cases I have used much contrasted solutions, like the sculpture in white & silver over a red wall, making the sculpture de Queen of the living room. Some other times the wall sculpture is the touch of color that contrasts with the rest of the room. (Like the wall sculpture over light gray). It gives a well balanced elegance.

If interested I invite you all to visit : www.gonzalodesalas.com
Best regards.



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June 28, 2012 at 7:58AM



morgana44

I remember when one piece of art over the living room couch and walls painted white was all the rage. During that same period my mother painted her walls in deep colors and hung art that she bought while single. She was my teacher...and through all the years since I've been an adult I bought art that I loved and hung them on walls painted whatever color I loved at that moment (and blended with rugs and furniture). It works because it's personal and it's a glimpse about you and your growth over the decades. Lastly, I hang art from the floor to the ceiling and up the staircase, in the kitchen and in the bathrooms.

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Hides and Co.

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I love gallery walls with many different pieces of art. So choosing a color for the wall can be tough.

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MARLENE BURNS FINE ART

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i always use black to showcase my abstract art...the black makes the art appear to float...it's outrageous!

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batmobil

Thanks, this is so helpful.

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Robin's Egg Blue — Oh, What a Hue!

Breathtaking in its brightness or as soft as a sigh, robin's egg blue will make any room in your home soar

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As the signs of spring begin to emerge, the season's unofficial bird is beginning to make its presence known. Those fortunate enough might even discover a robin's nest filled with gemlike eggs. Robin's egg blue is one of nature's most beautiful colors and is both cool and refreshing. Here are eight rooms that use the color in inspiring ways.



Also referred to as turquoise and aqua, robin's egg blue is a tranquil color that can be breathtaking in its most saturated form.

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Paint pick: [Gem Turquoise, Behr](#)

Pale tints of robin's egg blue create a subtle background. Consider this soft color as your neutral when adding accessories. That means any accent color will work, including red.

Paint pick: [Swimming, Sherwin-Williams](#)



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Midtone shades of robin's egg blue are very similar to the color of the sky. Along with white fabric, this refreshing blue creates an elegant and relaxed mood in the bedroom.

Paint pick: [Baby Boy Blue, Benjamin Moore](#)

Create a focal point in your bedroom with a statement piece. In this room, just one dresser introduces a pretty shot of robin's egg blue, demonstrating that a small dose of color can make a big impact.



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Create interest in your room by layering different textures and tones of robin's egg blue. In this bedroom, the designer used a soft, muted wall covering along with more vibrant blue textiles.

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Try mixing robin's egg blue with warm green for a fresh look. This color scheme will give your room flair without too much contrast.



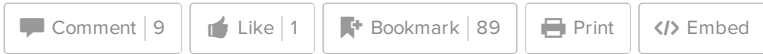
Different shades of warm blue create a very dynamic look in this space. Using floor and wall tile is an excellent way to bring a spalike feel into a bathroom.

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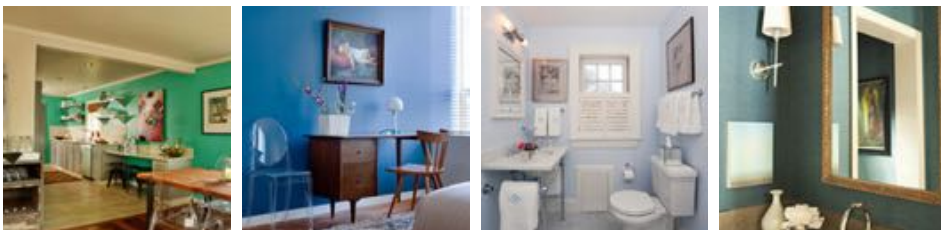
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
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 **Madison Modern Home**
PRO I love how Robin's egg blue looks when paired with cherry red. It's a natural love affair between colors -- they're just made for each other. I am a little worried about that first room, though. Isn't that bed a little close to the stove. And wait a minute, why is there a bed in the kitchen?

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March 4, 2012 at 4:50PM



Bright Bold and Beautiful

PRO

It's such a refreshing color ~ Take a peek at a few coordinating watercolors on Houzz <http://goo.gl/9a5vp>



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thegreenbee

I love the robin's egg and green combo; it's in my daughter's room and I recently incorporated it into my living room with green and little sprinkles of coral.
(Madison, I totally agree about the blue and red!)

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March 7, 2012 at 5:12PM



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Well, one of your examples, #2, was actually robin's egg blue. Almost everything else was screaming aqua or turquoise. Example #3 Someone purposely used that wall color with that fabric? Ouch! Here's how to correct it: put at least two transparent washes/glazes of brownish ivory over that turq.

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March 8, 2012 at 4:35AM



skymonkey2000

Wow, Laurel murals is charming

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christinehas6

Quite possibly my favorite color. Though I always say my favorite color is "ocean", whether it's grey, turquoise, green...! love the colors of the ocean.
;))

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March 13, 2012 at 10:09AM



mmsalg

I Love this color in design, wall covering or a knock out accent piece. See even more things custom designed in gorgeous shades of blue <http://www.custommade.com/search?mode=projects&q=blue>



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March 13, 2012 at 12:11PM



Cassidy Wilton

Those are great colors!

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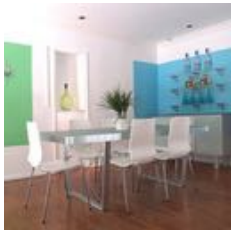
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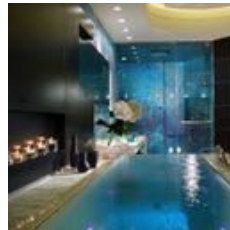
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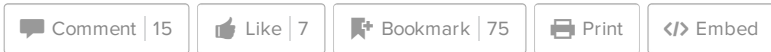
Space Saver: Rotate the Bed



Try putting the long side of the bed against the wall for a more flexible furniture arrangement

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Trying to create more room in your bedroom? Or perhaps you're working with a long, narrow space? Instead of placing your bed with the head against the wall, consider placing it lengthwise. In some instances, this means pushing it into a nook, in others, it means positioning it along the center of the wall and leaving the head of the bed without any boundary. There are several options for this layout, and each can benefit your space in its own way.

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Consider placing your bed lengthwise along the center of the wall, leaving the head of the bed open. In this space, a lengthwise position proves a better complement to the three horizontal windows. Naturally, always consider the present architecture: It's likely to dictate the best positioning for furniture.

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In this shot, the bed is accompanied by a keyboard and desk in a somewhat small room; leaving space on both ends of the bed helps it to feel less cramped and opens room near the closet.



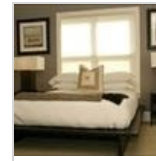
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In this space, a lengthwise bed with the head and foot open provides room for extra storage.



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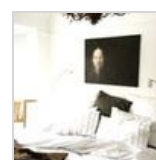
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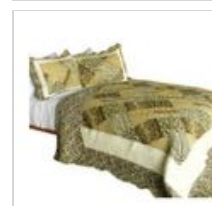
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Consider the view in your room. Will positioning your bed lengthwise maximize it? This designer could have easily placed the head of the bed against the window, but this layout allows the view to be enjoyed from the bed.



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Here's another example where the view is maximized by a lengthwise placement. If you're considering a renovation, built-in storage around the bed will create a hiding place for everything.



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Trying to fit two beds into one room but can't make it work? It's possible that placing them lengthwise will provide the solution. A dresser in the middle creates a slight separation in addition to storage.



Often, placing a bed lengthwise allows you to make best use of the rest of the space. This room manages to sleep four and double as a living room.

A lengthwise bed is great for a kid's room since it likely doubles as a play area. Sneak storage beneath the bed via drawers or even portable bins to keep things properly stowed.



Daybeds, by design, are generally placed lengthwise against a wall. They're another great option for kids' rooms, as they keep the space open and are a good transition bed after the crib.



Lofts and studios can be especially tricky when trying to fit in all types of furniture in an organized fashion. This designer successfully created a bedroom in this tight space using the lengthwise bed trick, in this case, in a drop-down bed.



When going lengthwise, you can create room for multiple beds, including a crib! It's the perfect layout to create the ultimate bunkhouse.

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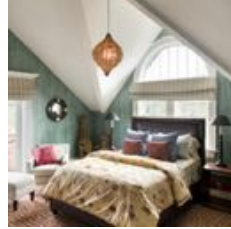
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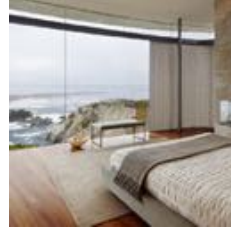
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amf30316

I love the look but it's really hard to make a bed when it's positioned like this.

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Amy Renea

PRO When I make side beds, I cheat a little on the everyday blankets. I push the edge of the blanket against the wall leaving a little bit of "scrunch" and then let the rest hang over the front. Cover the back with pillows and it is good to go!

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PRO These are some beautiful examples of using the bed in this position. I've tried the same and my parents who sleep in the bed while visiting complain about hitting the wall every time. I rotate it before they visit so the rest of the time it's more 'functional' for us.

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December 8, 2011 at 7:59AM



Julie Earnest

Anyone know where to buy the beautiful pendant lamp in photo #5?
Thanks!!

Like

December 8, 2011 at 8:10AM



Nat

I would imagine you need a bedhead otherwise a lot of these beds would have the owner losing their pillow during sleep

Like

December 11, 2011 at 4:27AM



hannahlogg

Awesome ideas!!! Love the bunks!

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patscats2

Those bunk beds built into the walls are beautiful but I wouldn't want to have to change the sheets in those spaces. Looks like it could be a bit challenging.

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jitty

Hi Julie, I have seen those pendant lights at Ikea. They make them as standing lamps too. They are gorgeous.

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December 11, 2011 at 3:06PM

 thegreenbee

I think this works ok for kids, but I can't imagine spouses climbing over each other to get into their side of the bed! Plus, like others said, making the bed is a pain (I can't wait for my 3 yr old to outgrow her daybed!).

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Regarding the pendant in picture 5: I think you're right, I think I remember the mention of that pendant being from Ikea when that house was featured.

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built in storage around the bed is what i like most..c")

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 klejda

these are very beautiful !

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February 11, 2012 at 10:52AM

 heera

My husband and I have to have our bed sideways since it's the only way we could fit our bed in our bedroom. There is usually no problem climbing over each other, but we always have problems with pillows falling out during the night. I'm always on the look for something to keep the pillows in and also could function as a nightstand. I still hasn't found exactly what I'm looking for, but this article was of great inspiration!

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 pankshf

This is good for single bed...my master bedroom is long and narrow and I need to fit in a double bed, Could anyone help me with that plz

One option I am thinking is create wardrobe around my bed instead of having it on the opposite wall and save the space

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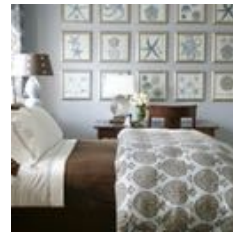
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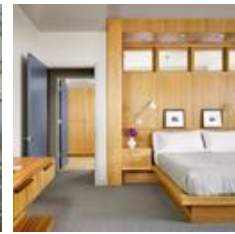
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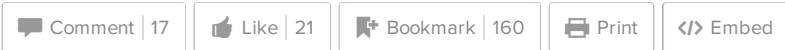
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Since teenager does not mean adult (regardless of her argument), the goal is to keep the vibe refined yet playful. Check out the following photos for some inspiration on getting the mix right. With this balance intact, she'll feel proud of her mature space, and you'll feel relieved that she's still a kid at heart.



Emily A. Clark

Polka dots are forever playful, but mixing them with a classic tufted headboard and a pattern in a crisp, modern color makes the look feel fresh and hip. Friends will be drooling over this fun design.

For an easy upgrade from kid room to teen room, seek out a chic headboard. It will change the look of not only the bed but also the room itself by providing a focal point. Nailhead detailing is a great way to add a refined edginess to an otherwise sweet room.

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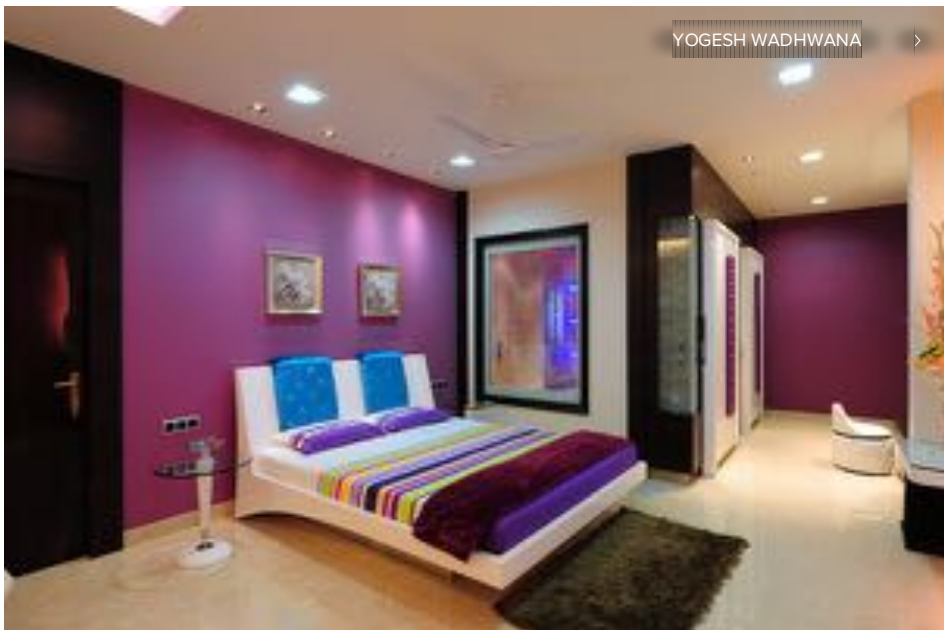
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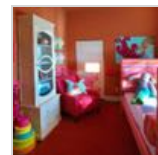
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If you've got the right lighting, work in some bold colors. Like the kid's room, a teenager's room is still a place to have a little fun: Mix plum purples with cerulean blues, add colorful stripes for color and ground the look with neutral flooring.



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Make the room stylish and functional by installing shelving units to display a photo collection while also making room for workspace and hobbies.

Teenagers like their own personal havens. This will provide them a getaway for homework and practicing. If space is tight, push the bed lengthwise against the wall.



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Now this is quite the teenage pad. The soft lavender, stuffed animal and Janis Joplin poster give it a youthful vibe, while the a mix of contemporary and traditional furniture give it a sophisticated edge.

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Paint an accent wall in a deep, neutral shade, and set it off with colorful prints and accessories. The dark color will make the bedroom feel cozy and chic; the bright colors add a youthful personality.



Amp up the glamour with magenta and silver. Add black and white accents to ground the color scheme. This space is full of spunky teenage personality.



Rid stripes of their child-like association by choosing them in contemporary colors in an oversize scale. The bed adds an organic element, which is a great complement to the femininity of the lavender.



Another way to modernize stripes is to apply them in more of a color-block fashion. Choose different shades and paint each in a different width for graphic appeal. Even the comforter, with its own stripes and polka dots, feels young but modernized when set against this wall.



our teenager's bed. Add a ladder, and your kid may never leave!

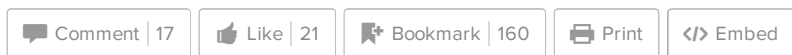


Kelly Porter >

Playful artwork and prints are a great way to balance both youthfulness and sophistication. If you don't want to go all out with multiple colors, try focusing on one color and pulling in texture by representing it in various shades and patterns.

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Mel Mac

A lot of great ideas for teen rooms. I recently updated my teens rooms, a 17 year old boy and a 13 year old girl. They are both small rooms so I worked with the space I had. For my daughters room, I did as you suggested and pushed her twin bed against the wall. I added a vintage king size headboard to the width, giving a daybed effect.



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July 9, 2011 at 8:33PM



samanthastevens

I love the oversized polka dots in the first picture, so eyecatching and fresh. I wouldn't want my teen to tack up their Robert Pattinson pictures on that wall!

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July 10, 2011 at 4:19AM



klmeenan

While I love the playful polka dots, the glam room is fantastic. The magenta could be substituted with any favorite color.

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July 11, 2011 at 10:00AM



lil1000

as my daughter is now 13 her and her sister (11) want their own rooms we decided to let them she is hopeful to get coloured walls but I prefer neutrals we still haven't decided and we are moving in on the 23rd the carpets aren't fitted and we have dilemmas but slowly getting over then thanks for the ideas :)

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August 17, 2013 at 6:02PM



yolobean64

I love it!!!!



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January 24, 2014 at 5:26AM



gator84

I wish we could tap on the photos and see descriptions or how-to info. For instance, what exactly creates the decor on the wall behind the headboard in the glam photo?

I agree that the silver glam could work with altered color schemes to be fresh and eye-catching for any gender or age.

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February 3, 2014 at 8:53AM



gator84

Lil1000: try some color swatches and paint samples in a few choice bright colors your kids like for ONE accent wall. It won't be as scary or bad as you think, I promise.

I have four kids and a newly purchased, huge fixer-upper that was desperately dying for paint. My 18-yr old paved the way with a chocolate brown accent wall (!!!) and light cerulean blue walls - her fave color scheme. It's incredibly beautiful, and refreshing, even carried into her ensuite bathroom. She has an upstairs bedroom with a dormer window, jutting out extra living space and lots of odd angles. Her color choices were actually a HUGE improvement over the old color and truly made some of the weird angles disappear.

My two boys have bedrooms joined by an extensive jack-n-jack bathroom suite with separate vanities, dressing areas, walk-in closets and the regular bathroom accoutrements. We painted mainly neutral colors at first, but finally gave in to their pleadings for color. They both wanted pretty intense and vibrant colors. We held out for a few months, then gave in and put up one accent wall in their color choices after completely failing at finding any good neutral colors to bring out the tile or decor. Well, it turned out to be gorgeous!!! One son picked out a very deep green called "Bonsai" from the Martha Stewart Living collection and the other selected a deep, vibrant royal dark blue from the Pantone interior paint collection found at Lowe's, called "Princess Blue." I really thought we would regret the colors, thinking we didn't have to live in those rooms, but they are absolutely gorgeous and really make their spaces.

One trick is to NOT paint the dark accent color on the wall you see first when you walk into a room or bathroom. Then it doesn't overwhelm or define the room, just enhances it. So I learned to not be afraid of color - even in small spaces. Used correctly, it brings a lot to the table and does not detract.

Also, always color match paints when using a color from a different collection. Sure, any paint counter can pull up the color formulas from most any other paint company, but their formulas don't always translate correctly because of available base colors and various paint densities & opacities. My Sherwin-Williams samples (close to my house) were not the same as the Behr/Home Depot paint (highest rated quality paint) by about three miles! Found that out after buying my colors and putting them up on the wall, so we used the "real" off-colored paint as a base/primer to get depth and the "sample" paint as the top coat/correct color. Thank goodness for Sherwin Williams huge quart samples in satin.

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February 3, 2014 at 9:17AM



Crystal Walker

This the girl in the picture speaking. I am not a teen yet but i am pretty mature for my age. So being mature and having fun make it really hard to choose a room. You want it to be mature and fun at the same time. Polka dots are mature yet playful. There are not many rooms that please or meet my expectations. I am picky but I loved that room, it was fantastic.

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mylenemorris

Tablettes double pour photos

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Amanda

dustydawgy says in private:

These are cool but they all have a big room. For me they have a pretty small room with big items that they need but they keep saying that they want to change it

What do I do?!?

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tyra713

These rooms are gorgeous I love them they are just....

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tyra713

They are just

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fuzzyghg

Very nice I just wish they update this app

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purpleprincess2003

These are really like the rooms but can they add a log cabben rooms for ages 10to15

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superstyle1

I love the ideas people have but I wish they had more shared room ideas because the ages of my kids are 14,13,12,10,8,6,4,2,2 and I only have 5 bedrooms in my house the 2 year olds (not twins one was adopted) share a room the 4 year old and 6 year old share a room the 12,10, and 8 year old share a room and the 13 and 14 year old share a room and now I'm pregnant with twin girls

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klawrence

If u put a twin bed in a corner next to two walls and put pillows in the cracks, it looks like a daybed!

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savvyc178

Love most of them



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