

# Achieving a stylish bedroom space



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**S**mall rooms whether a bedroom, a guest room or a kids room can often get neglected and left out. Every room needs personality, color and texture. When my design firm is hired to tackle these spaces, we always search for the seed of the design.

Many homeowners find it overwhelming to decide on the direction, so I always like to break it down so that it feels personal and approachable.

Start your design by finding a colour palate, a pattern, a rug or a fabric that you absolutely love

When tackling a bedroom there are a few foolproof ways that will help you achieve a great stylish space:

1. Begin with the bedding. Find a beautiful set of sheets that will work as stepping point for the rest of the room. If you are more conservative look for bedding that's simple and sophisticated, you can always layer in the colors with your accessories and pillows. Colors

on the bed, whether soft or bold, will add a burst of freshness to the entire space.

2. Pull a paint colour from your bedding set or accent wallpaper; an accent wallpaper on the headboard wall helps anchor the room and gives you an opportunity to bring color and pattern into the space without overdoing it.

If the colours of your bedding or wallpaper are bold, go for a muted version of one of the tones. If there are multiple colours in the fabrics or wallpaper, pick one that is most soothing, be-it a soft yellow or refreshing blue.

3. Find a pair of lamps to anchor the bed. If you've already got a nice pair of lamps, consider switching up the lamp shades. Lamp shades are inexpensive and easy way to make a statement!

4. Accessorize with the dominant colour. Finding accessories can be easy but finding ones that work to comple-



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ment tones in your bedding or wallpaper may become your fun challenge. Take the time to shop around at various home stores. Look for candles, vases

accent colors is what will bring interest and character to your space.

5. Drape your windows. Find a neutral tone that works with

And bear in mind, the days of matching bedding and window coverings shall be left to the roadside motels.

6. Final finishing touches.

colour tones and shades that work with your drapes are a great way to tie everything in together. Rugs are also a great way to warm up the space. If the room is small look at getting two small runner on either side of the bed.

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and even wall art that will tie in your tones. Remember that it all doesn't have to match exactly, the various shades and

your bedding or go bold with the dominant tone. Keep your windows simple, busy patterns should be left on the bed!

Once your room is nearly set, don't forget your decorative pillows and rugs! Toss cushions in a variety of dominant



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