

Home Decorating Made Easy!!

When decorating or accessorizing your home, there are 3 important things to remember.

- Color
- Design or display
- Texture

Color

Many people are afraid of adding big splashes of color to their homes for fear of choosing the wrong color, or of affecting the home's selling price when and if they sell. Here are some tips for you that hopefully will allay those fears.

- Color is very personal. You should decorate with colors that make YOU feel great. Use it in ways that can be easily changed in case you should want to sell. Throw rugs, accent pillows, walls, etc. You are best served by a neutral wall-to-wall carpet, such as a camel or café latte brown.
- To begin, think about the feeling you want to create in that room. All colors inspire emotions. You'll want to match the emotion with the room. For example, red inspires drama and conversation. It would be great in a dining room, as an accent color in a living room or a kitchen. Blue inspires relaxation and is great for a bedroom or near your soaking tub.
- Once you've decided which feeling you want to encourage in the room, start bringing in some small touches of that color in. Candles are an easy and inexpensive way to experiment with different shades of a color to help you find the right one to build on.

Design and Display

Another key component to accessorizing your home is how you display your accessories. There are three things to keep in mind here.

- Accessorizing in odd numbers creates a balance to the display.
- Use varied heights of accessories as it interests the eye.
- Find accessories that are "year round". Use pieces that can be changed up with the seasons. For example, the set pictured below can be used all year just by changing what is in the bottom.



For spring, you could use silk flowers in the base or jelly beans. Glass marbles could also be used. In the fall, fill one with popcorn, one with candy corn and one with pine cones or silk leaves. For the holidays, mini pumpkins, silk leaves and pinecones or glass ornaments of varying colors.

Texture

The last of the three design tips, texture is just as important. Your eye is naturally pleased by lots of different textures in a grouping. Here are some examples from my own home.



Notice the metal clock, the glass tray, leather suitcase and iron and marble statue. There's plenty to interest the eye.



Here's another example of varied textures. But it also is a great example of the design ideas above. Notice how your eye takes kind of a roller coaster as it looks at the varied heights and odd numbers.

You'll notice from the pictures above that one of my favorite colors is a very bold red, which I use as an accent in this room. The main color is a warm café latte brown which acts as a neutral and allows me to bring many different colors in to the room.

I hope you've enjoyed this tip sheet. If I can be of help in accessorizing your home with color, texture and design, please feel free to call me for a free design consultation. I look forward to working with you!