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## YOUR BEDROOM, YOUR HAVEN

Your bedroom, above any other room in the house, is the one place where you can truly get creative. It's the one room where you can go to relax and unwind, so why not explore your design options? With these 8 decorating and design ideas, you'll be able to turn your bedroom into your favorite room.

### Use Accessories That Tell A Story

Personalize your space by displaying a collection of bargain baubles that tell a story about you. Online auction sites carry an endless supply of inexpensive decorative details that will give your bedroom a collected-over-time look. Search for things like alarm clocks, vases, books, lamps and other décor to boost your bedroom's beauty factor.

### Create An Artful Arrangement

A grouping is a great way to add interest to a large expanse of wall. Create an arrangement of framed photographs, art and quotes to add personality and pizzazz.

### Dress the Windows

The right window treatment will enhance both your home's architecture and your personal style, so consider the feeling you want to create when selecting window treatments.

### Add Bedside Lighting

While overhead lighting is practical and fills the entire room with light, bedside lamps cast a peaceful, moody glow and are ideal for illuminating bedtime tasks. Tip: When you're sitting in bed, the

lampshade bottoms should be eye level so light will shine on your reading material, not in your eyes.

### Mix and Match Bedding

Combinations of pattern and texture add a casual, layered look to the bedroom. Shop catalogs and online for coordinating bedding at bargain prices.

### Update Flooring

Change the look and feel of your bedroom by installing new flooring. Whether you choose hardwood, laminate, tile or carpet, new flooring allows you to start fresh with a color and style that best suits your space.

### Add A Focal Point

Adding a fireplace to your bedroom will not only add charm and romance, it can also increase your home's resale value. Wood-burning fireplaces offer classic appeal, gas fireplaces are clean and easy to install, and electric fireplaces are affordable and can be placed in a room without a chimney.

### Vault the Ceiling

A ceiling is much more than just a roof over your head. If you're considering a vaulted ceiling, first contact an HVAC contractor to determine if your existing heating and cooling system can handle the increased volume of the room. It's also important to contact a structural engineer to ensure that the collar ties are properly located to prevent walls from spreading apart when the ceiling joists are removed.



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