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Interior Hints And Tips From The Top
XS Interior's Loraine Chassels Points The Way

Boudoir Bliss



NOW MORE THAN ever extra emphasis is being placed on our inner sanctuaries. No longer should our bedrooms be the dumping ground for unfinished laundry, yesterdays outfit, and an array of shoes and handbags dotted around from endless try-on sessions. Bedrooms should be as beautiful and as well maintained as any public room. A bedroom should be functional, welcoming and comfortable - a retreat to escape to. Creating a beautiful bedroom need not cost the earth. A good deal of thought and a bit of creativity will get you there and the possibilities are endless. Beautiful bedrooms also enhance the sale of your property, so if you are thinking of selling your house remember to make the most of your bedrooms before going on market.

Size Matters

When it comes to beds, consider the space you have available. It is also key to take into account the architecture of your room - a colmed or low ceiling might preclude a tall wallboard, in which case a headboard



or bed surround should be considered. A smaller room might dictate the necessity to do without one or both bedside cabinets. Floor standing lighting or wall mounted lighting can help create the illusion of space and avoid crowding in a smaller room. The difference between a king size bed and double bed can make a huge difference if space is at a premium, so consider what practicalities need to be taken into account at the early planning stage before buying your bed.

Wallboards vs. Surrounds

Padded block wallboards are very striking and create impact. Although tall and dramatic they can also save space. A bed surround can add on quite a few inches to the overall size of the bed footprint because of the top, bottom and side surround dimensions whereas with a wallboard you simply push your divan set up against it, saving precious inches.

From contemporary and modern to transitional and traditional, bed surrounds abound. Platform beds have a floating effect which look very contemporary but need reasonable space if the effect is to be appreciated fully. Others have visible decorative side rails and come in a multitude of fabrics including suede and leather. Some surrounds are chunky, as is the case with



ABOVE: Eclectic - Days Of The Raj- This solid wood Jaipur inspired bergere bed surround is painted in an unusual eau de nil colour.



most wood and leather sleigh style beds and others are slim lined. If considering a sleigh bed or any other style with a high, roll top or footend, be extra cautious that it won't dominate your room.

Dress To Impress

From the design of your curtains or blinds to the fabric and poles you select make the most of your windows. There is nothing nicer than impressive curtains or blinds with coordinate soft furnishings in a room to set off your furniture and complete the look. For an interior face-lift, new window treatments will bring a fresh new glow to your room and add years of added enjoyment.



ABOVE: Pretty in pink - An over height cream ostrich wallboard is featured here in this bespoke young teen room by XS Interiors. From £299 complete

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