



ASK A DESIGNER

Q "How do you unify a room with different themes?"

A "As long as you're sticking to a theme, or some mix of things, you can achieve a cohesive look. I'm a fan of the color palette. Cortney Novratz and I are a design cohort (with her husband, Robert) of HGTV's new *Home by Novogradz* (premiere date: July 28). "Colors don't have to match exactly, but they should be in the same family. A purple side chair would look great with a blue sofa. Or, keep the theme consistent. If you need wall art, cluster a bunch of portraits—say, all of women—together in the same area. Even if the

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frame—or just display the frames themselves (left). And consider scale: You might love a grand armoire, but it could look awkward in a small room. My last bit of advice: Only buy what you love, and you'll find a way to make it work!"

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Dress Up Your Bed

Three American fashion labels are doing for bedding what a lovely scarf does for an outfit. Here, our fave affordable "accessories." Layer them into your linens for a whole new look

- **1 LIZ CLAIBORNE** Both thoroughly functional and playfully modern, this embroidered pillow (top left, \$45) and sheet set (left, \$47) from QVC uphold the brand's "beautiful utility" motto
- **2 KATE SPADE** Like the designer's peppy-preppy clothes, this oversize green-trellis-print euro sham (bottom left, \$50) from Bed, Bath & Beyond will make an impact—while making you smile
- **3 DKNY** So cozy, this quilted combo (right, shams, \$50; coverlet, \$150) from Bed, Bath & Beyond may make it hard(er) to leave the bed



Wow factor: This is 26 inches across!

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