

HOME AND GARDEN

Decorating the master bedroom to suit both people's tastes doesn't have to be difficult

Master bedrooms can be difficult to decorate — much more than decorating a child's bedroom or a guest room.

This is especially true for newlyweds. You need to appease two sets of tastes and styles — yours and your spouse's.

And, it's often the case that you have completely different opinions on colour, design and style, which can be very frustrating and hindering.

Thibaut, a leading manufacturer of wallcoverings, borders and fabrics, has compiled a list of tips to help husbands and wives create a master bedroom that both can call home.

✓ Consider starting with a subtle tone-on-tone wallpaper pattern for the walls.

Tonal patterns can create a soft, tailored, finished look that has a tremendous amount of visual interest, which is something you can't achieve with paint," said Stacy Senior, marketing manager for Thibaut.

They also have an understated clean, uncluttered appearance. Popular choices include damasks, tonal stripes and simple leaf-like patterns that give a soft, textural look to the walls.

✓ Add liveliness with borders. Borders introduces more colour to a room. The additional colours

then can be used in the fabric on the bed or a chair or in wallpaper that could be used in an adjoining room.

✓ With floral patterns, use stylized designs.

Men often think floral fabrics and wallpaper look too frilly or feminine.

This fear of florals can be avoided by using stylized floral-vine designs that have a crisp, clean, tailored appearance. To carry out that tailored look, frame the border with molding painted to match windows and trim.

If your spouse has a strong aversion to floral designs, c o n s i d e r

scrolling leaflike patterns, handsome paisley designs and artistic allover patterns that resemble woven fabrics to help introduce colour.

✓ Keep colours earthy. Think of colours that are soft and soothing — blues, greens, pale yellow and more on.

"Colours mimicking nature — grass, plants, trees, stones, sun and sky — are hard to dislike," said Senior.

Other warm tones and textures can be introduced

with a sisal rug, plants, wooden or wicker boxes, picture frames.

✓ Test designs and colours

Order large wallpaper samples and fabric swatches from your retailer, tack these to the wall, and live with the designs for a while to see if you like them.

This also gives you the chance to view the colours under different light conditions at different times of the day.

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