



Go BOLD

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Lately, the Kristine Kay Interiors team has been cooking up some seriously BOLD spaces. I can't wait to share them with you—be sure to follow our Instagram! I thought I'd share some of our special tricks that take a space from so-so to shazam.

Groupings

This is all about multiples and scale. Go from one piece of art over your bed to four to six coordinating pieces over your bed and nightstands. This trick adds a little drama without breaking the bank. Worried that the nightstand art may be covered by a lamp? That's the goal—layer up!

Jazz up the console table in your foyer with a grouping of your favorite items. Layer a boxwood wreath on top of the mirror. Add a basket on the floor and plop in a great plant.

This is about MORE being better!

Pattern

Add pattern to each room. This can be a subtle pattern, even in neutral tones. To go BOLD, mix a couple of patterns and colors together. We like to mix an organic shape such as a floral with a geometric such as a plaid. Nervous about pattern? Start with a stripe. Shucks, a classic stripe is classic for a reason...it never goes out of style.

I personally am soooo happy that wallpaper is back in style. Add an amazing pattern or mural to the wall and a space comes to life! Worried you will tire of the pattern? Put it somewhere you see in small



doses such as the top half of your powder room. Or the laundry room (if YOU do the laundry in your house, this may be a space you see very very very often. Heehee!).

Think outside the box

Stand back and look at your space with FRESH eyes. What would happen if you added some trim work to the walls? Or how about the ceiling? Does that armoire that has been taking up too much space in your bedroom belong in the foyer to display your collection or treasures? Does that extra nightstand in the guest bedroom belong in that sad vacant corner of the kitchen to become your new bar? Want to hang a canoe on that giant wall you've struggled to decorate? Go for it!

Color

I encourage you to bring some color into your home. Start by picking a color from your closet that you love or that makes you feel GOOD. Sprinkle



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a little into your room and suddenly your space will have a personality that reflects YOU.

Concerned about decorating with color? Start by moving past beige and grey for neutrals.

Navy and denim blue are neutrals. Emerald and army greens are neutrals. Have FUN changing things up.

Mix in the metals

Mixing in various metallics is one way to add the SPARKLE layer that makes spaces feel special. Just as stainless steel appliances added a bit of shine to your kitchen, we need to add shine to every space.

Layer in a few accessories with today's on-trend brushed gold. Bring in a hammered chrome picture frame. Select a lamp

with a pearlescent finish. I am a believer that most spaces benefit from a mirror hung in a location that will double up a beautiful view or reflect light and add that natural sparkle.

Want to add that magic Interior Designer touch to your home? Then don't be afraid to go BOLD, and have fun doing it. YOU are what makes your home special, so feel free to do what makes your heart sing!

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