

5 lessons on layering design

Lesson No.I

Commit to a color scheme

Committing to a wall color is the first step to a huge transformation. Whether you decide on a warm shade of white, beige or another neutral, but don't underestimate the power of gray! Finding some inspiration from a photo or a piece of art can be helpful. Many get stuck on this first decision. If it feels overwhelming, a color consult is recommend.

Lesson No.2

Accent colors

Add at least two accent colors for furniture, fabric, curtains or pillows. This gives an emphasis on contrast to the design elements in the space. Keep in mind accent colors can be bold or light; use them sparingly or as much as you would like. Accent isn't just a color. It may also be displayed in a distinctive design such as stripes, patterns, or florals.

Lesson No.3

Mixing materials and textures

Mixing materials is a high priority design. For example, consider blending wood and natural stones elements. Furniture, lighting, flooring and area rugs are pieces that automatically add texture. These elements can also be used as accent decor to which adds more depth to the space.

Lesson No.4

Consider collections and heirlooms

Collections, art, and heirloom pieces are both very useful and decorative for accents. These can be used as an accent piece to add a personal touch or may become the focal point on which your inspiration for the space comes from. Sometimes shopping from other rooms in your home is a great way to find that finishing touch.

Lesson No.5

Bringing the outside in

Earthy elements such as wood or plants contribute to color and bring life to a room. Wood beams and natural stone are also a great way to bring the outside in. Fireplaces add a natural feel to a space. Embrace any natural light! If you don't have an abundance of windows, adding mirrors to your space will reflect natural light and make your space feel light and large.

