

25 DESIGNERS 25 DESIGNSoutions

UPDATE YOUR STYLE in 2005 with these EXPERT TIPS AND IDEAS for lighting, small spaces, color combinations and more! To celebrate our 25TH YEAR, we asked some of Colorado's TOP DESIGNERS to weigh in with their BEST DESIGN RESOLUTIONS

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WHAT ARE YOUR CURRENT FAVORITE COLOR COMBINATIONS?

My color preferences change all the time, but right now I'm in the mood for a mix of chocolate brown and white because it is fresh and comforting at the same time. Another favorite of mine is warm olive green with a cinnamon tone, which adds spice, color, warmth and elegance, and finally, all shades of gray freshened with white. Pillow, Egg & Dart, Denver Design Center, (303) 744-1676; blankets (right), HW Home, hwhome.com; blanket (left), Agnes Comar, Paris, France.



Judy Gubner, ASID & Colleen Johnson, ASID (not pictured) In-Site Design Group Inc. Denver, (303) 691-9000

HOW WOULD YOU UTILIZE "GREEN" DESIGN WITHOUT SACRIFICING STYLE?

Conserve style with the use of responsibly managed wood products, low toxicity paints and finishing products, energy conserving plumbing and electrical devices and recycling solutions for building materials. There are wonderful-looking stone dust composite products and photo-perfect faux wood and tile products for cabinetry and flooring, in addition to the growing stable of renewable resource products like bamboo flooring. Floor samples, Synergy Floor Covering, Denver, (303) 722-7161.





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WHAT ARE THE BEST WAYS TO **DISPLAY COLLECTIONS?**

Smaller objects can take on great presence when displayed in a group and in varied heights. Use wall brackets in a grouping on the wall to create art above a mantle or an entry piece. Tiny treasures also take on new life when stacked on top of interesting boxes or antique books. The top of an armoire is a perfect spot for larger pieces like globes, baskets or pottery, especially when a piece of artwork is hung behind them. Antique mercury glass, personal collection.



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HOW WOULD YOU UPDATE A TIRED LOOKING BEDROOM?

Get a fresh look with a new color scheme, new linens and freshly painte walls. Reupholster or slipcover furniture and replace your old lampshades. Add some new art, an area rug and beautiful throw for the be Revarnish or repaint nightstands, crests and armoires. All of these are simple ways to revamp tired space. Throw, Hoff Miller, DDC, (303) 698-0800.