


**NEW HOMES & CONDOS**


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# Add a little romance to your bedroom



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**ELEMENTS  
OF STYLE**

As a designer, when I visit a client's home for the very first time, I often hear things like: "We would like to focus on the main floor as it is the first thing people see and if there's room in the budget we can work on the master bedroom later" or "Let's do the children's spaces first and we can worry about our master bedroom after."

Sadly, the master bedrooms often seem to end up being last on the design "wish list", not necessarily by choice but due more by priorities and budget restrictions.

I believe however that it is possible to do both and I try to teach and offer our clients many different ways they can stretch their budgets further.

We also show them how they can add a little sparkle of romance in one of the most important rooms of the house. There is a reason it is called the "Master's" Bedroom!

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A little Tabasco never hurt anyone!! In design, think of spices and Tabasco as your accessories and details: artwork, pillows, throws, vases, flowers or an accent colour.

These are essential ingredients that are affordable easy ways you can add interest to any space especially in the bedroom.

In this beautiful master bedroom, there are many elements that we added for our client, in order to give it a true romantic feel:

For added touch of softness and femininity we used mirrored side tables and incorporated a crystal chandelier for that final elegant touch.

A pretty wallpaper backdrop accent was added on the wall which adds texture and interest and warmth to a very large wall.

We opened up the closet walls and instead put beautiful white cabinetry with built in reflective beveled mirrors. It gives more storage solutions and adds a huge dra-

matic and unique punch to the space not to mention dear to any woman's heart.

The space was balanced by a few masculine elements such as the big bulky chairs near the window or the massive custom made bulky square velvety taupe headboard which anchors the room and acts as a main focal point.

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A perfect compromise, after all, isn't that what marriage is all about? Why shouldn't your bedroom reflect that as well?

So have a look at your own master bedroom and think of different ways you can try to create a little haven getaway for yourselves. A space you can crawl into at night after a long tiring day and enjoy together because it is important and you both deserve it!

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