DESIGN RECIPES

Best ways to style a bed

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Some homeowners believe is the key to a well-designed and aesthetically pleasing bedroom is well-made bed. While there are certainly some designer tricks of the trade, some flexibility and creativity can come into play in bed making. Here are some tips on ways to dress a bed.

Toss pillows

Toss pillows are an interior designer staple when it comes to creating an appealing bed. And sometimes, less is more. Gone are the days in which a bed had to be loaded with a pile of pillows. These days many designers suggest a simple stacking of sleep pillows against the headboard, while two to four decorative front pillows create a finished and elegant look.



A headboard is dressed up with an extended drop bed skirt and oversized duvet. (Handout/TNS)

This is the perfect opportunity to infuse pattern, color and texture.

Headboards

Often headboards work in a space because of space-saving needs. If you decide to use a headboard, this typically means pairing it with a metal frame. Metal frames can be unsightly,

so you will want to make sure it is properly concealed. The best way to do this is with a proper bed skirt or bed skirt panels. Bed skirts can be box pleated for a more modern look or ruffled for a more traditional appearance. To ensure you cover the frame, the longer the drop the better. As an alternative, many designers

opt to use bed skirt panels, which are four separate panels that are pinned or tacked along each edge of a mattress.

Layering your top of bed

If you are looking for a luxurious plush bed, layering is the key. A popular technique used by designers involves layering a bed in the following order (bottom to top):

- Mattress
- Feather bed (if a softer bed is desired)
- Mattress cover
- Bottom fitted sheet
- Top sheet
- Coverlet or blanket
- Duvet cover (with duvet insert
- Throw and toss pillows to add a decorative touch

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REAL ESTATE

Pathfinder Partners Completes Upgrades at Two Adjoining Boulder Apartment Communities 1960's and 1970's-Vintage Properties Transformed for 21st Century Living

Two adjacent Boulder apartment communities - Henley and Remy - have been completely renovated and outfitted for 21st century living. Situated on 3.9 acres, the newly modernized communities are joined by sweeping open space and share an array of amenities.

According to San Diego-based Pathfinder Partners' senior associate Aaron Flores, his company purchased the properties in 2017 and immediately embarked on a design and refurbishment project to modernize and upgrade the decades-old communities. Henley is a 50-unit property built in 1974; Remy is a 32-unit property built in 1968.

"The transformation of these properties is dramatic," he said. "The end result is an elevated lifestyle for residents seeking a boutique, amenity-rich community with modern comforts.'

Flores said significant improvements were made to both communities, among them apartment interior updates, new exterior paint, enhanced landscaping and common area upgrades - including a completely refurbished clubhouse and the addition of a lounge/billiards room and a new yoga space.

Both communities share amenities including an updated indoor pool area,

clubhouse lounge area, community kitchen, state-of-the-art fitness room/equipment and outdoor patio areas with plush new furnishings.

With many units offering sweeping views of the Flat Iron Mountains, the homes at Henley and Remy are spacious - with fireplaces, full-sized washers and dryers, secure garage parking, oversized patios and balconies and built-in storage. Apartment interiors have been fully modernized to include stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops, new shaker cabinet fronts, contemporary lighting and plumbing fixtures and faux wood flooring throughout the living areas. Floor plans range up to 1,500 square feet - some of the largest apartments in Boulder. A mix of studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom options are available.

Residents enjoy close proximity to employment centers, shopping, dining, parks, hiking trails and entertainment venues including downtown's lively Pearl Street Mall.

More information is available at https://www.livehenleyandremy.com/. Pinnacle Property Management Services oversees daily operations and leasing



activities for the two communities. For leasing information, call 303-499-8603 or email HenleyRemyMGR@pinnacleliving.com.

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