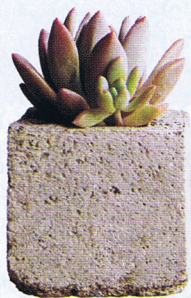


50 T. KELLER DONOVAN
I got rid of all the mismatched rugs in my house and put down round jute rugs from westelm.com—eight feet in diameter. They throw you a curve and make the room feel lighter.

51 THOMAS O'BRIEN
I've always collected textiles, and you can make a fast, easy change with bedding, towels, and table linens to create a different mood. Switch things out seasonally, or for a special event, or whenever you want to play with a certain color or pattern.

52 MALCOLM JAMES KUTNER
In winter, I bring out cashmere blankets, fur throws, and my quilted bedspread from Leontine Linens. In summer, out come the monogrammed seersucker and cotton piqué coverlets. I'm also a sucker for Léron hand towels.

53 ANN WOLF
Collect small succulents and pot them in an assortment of vintage ceramics. Line them up on a sunny windowsill. Forget to water them, and watch them grow.

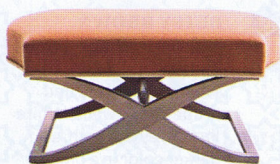


54 KATHRYN M. IRELAND
Add a splash of red to your room. It could be a lampshade, a cushion, a carpet with some red in the pattern. Red is so uplifting.

55 MICHAEL RICHMAN
Make a window seat for a favorite window. Build a plywood box and paint it. Add a cushion and pillows, and you'll have a new spot to curl up and read *House Beautiful*.

56 SCOTT SALVATOR
Paint the inside of your lampshades a very pale pink. This will combat the cool light from those green fluorescent corkscrew bulbs.

57 WHITNEY STEWART
No matter what you think, there's always room to add a bench—in front of the fireplace, in front of the sofa (instead of that old coffee table), in front of a club chair so you can put your feet up, at the foot of your bed.



58 ALISON SPEAR
Buy lampshades in unusual shapes. Have them made out of fabric that will cast a glow. I also love the look and texture of brown string shades from justshadesny.com. Change the color of the light by buying bulbs in amber or pink.

59 RAYMOND WAITES
Have a party where every guest is asked to bring a plant of one color—say, purple—for an instant garden with a little story of friendship behind each plant.

60 RUTHIE SOMMERS
Wallpaper a closet. A linen closet only needs a couple of rolls and you will feel sheer joy every time you open it.



61 RODERICK SHADE
Use fewer pieces of art, but bigger in scale. These could even be oversize posters.