



## CAMERON MACNEIL ANSWERS YOUR DECORATING QUESTIONS.



### Adding style to a principal bedroom

We desperately need to decorate our bedroom. We have lived in our house for about two years and would love to create a warm and comfortable room.

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Bedding provides the focal point of a bedroom, so it's a great place to start when determining the room's overall look and palette. After choosing some bedding that appeals to you, pull your wall colour and accent colours from it. If your aim is to establish a warm ambience in the bedroom, take a look at the Modern Moor Collection from House & Home at Home Outfitters (*bottom left*, [www.hbc.com](http://www.hbc.com)). It has a warm marzipan background with a crisp white and blue-green border, and it pairs well with a warm neutral wall colour and accents in blue and white. An upholstered headboard is a cosy alternative to the typical wood bed frame. Visit [www.wallhuggers.ca](http://www.wallhuggers.ca) for a good selection of upholstered panels that hang on the wall over the bed. I recommend using six of the Amanda panels (a square shape) arranged in a tight configuration as a headboard. Choose a colour for the panels that's similar to your wall colour.

Paint walls a taupe-gold colour like Toasted Pine Nut (SW 7696) by Sherwin-Williams or a slightly lighter shade like Paper Lantern (SW 7676) also by Sherwin-Williams (*left*, [www.sherwin-williams.com](http://www.sherwin-williams.com)). Paint your doors and trim the same colour as the walls, but use a low-sheen formula on the walls and a higher-sheen finish on the trim and doors.

Contrast the warmer tones with blue accents, such as Shine Home's Oslo table (*bottom centre*, [www.shineeveryday.com](http://www.shineeveryday.com)) in baby blue. As a neutral counterpoint to the blue and yellow scheme, add white ceramic or glass table lamps, like Robert Abbey's Jayne lamp, available through Universal Lamp (*shown*, [www.greatlighting.com](http://www.greatlighting.com)). Your current bedside table lamps are too small (a common mistake in bedrooms), so choose larger-scale lamps, even if your first instinct is that they're too large.

Instead of mismatched his-and-hers dressers (*not shown*), give the room adequate storage and a more cohesive look with a single larger, lower chest of drawers, like the Ginger Double Dresser from EQ3 (*not shown*, [www.eq3.com](http://www.eq3.com)). Hang a large square or round mirror in a white painted finish above the dresser.

**FAR LEFT:** To give a basic bedroom more individual personality and style, start with bedding to provide inspiration for wall and accent colours. Hang upholstered panels behind the bed to function as a headboard and add large-scaled lamps. Bedside tables pick up on the bedding's blue tones.

**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Toasted Pine Nut (SW 7696) and Paper Lantern (SW 7676) Sherwin-Williams; House & Home Modern Moor collection bedding; Home Outfitters; Jayne lamp by Robert Abbey; Universal Lamp; Oslo side table, Shine Home.

