



# Home & Garden

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move out, parents  
find new uses for

## Wide Open Spaces

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# Trust your instincts, follow your vision



This cooling and recuperative bathroom was made special by using bold and dramatic highlights that give it contrast with crisp white trim and floors.



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Good design doesn't have to be expensive. Here are some tips on how you can make your interiors special without spending a fortune:

## Simple, bold and dramatic

• **Be simple.** Don't be afraid of your good design ideas or your taste. Establish a good design "concept" and then stick to your plan. The simpler the better most often, the more dramatic it can be.

• **Be bold.** Sometimes, some walls/large vertical stripes are more dramatic than wall colors alone. Think about making those stripes horizontal. Also consider, for instance, when buying a plant, choosing the most colorful possible over a neutral-colored plant. When in doubt, think big and dramatic.

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## Colorful surprise

• **Go for something.** One of the easiest — and affordable — ways to make a striking design statement is to incorporate color that normally wouldn't be a way that is unexpected and exciting.

• **Use wallpaper.** Instead of using wallpaper with a floral pattern to create a fun look, use a wallpaper when the pattern is a bright color, like yellow. Look for the pattern over the color, but the biggest new twist is a solid color.

• **Don't be afraid.** Oh, never stop painting the floor and walls in the same color. That the good news when using paint is that it is fast that — paint! If you just love it, you can change it.

• **Use some new.** Think about how you use materials normally intended for one purpose in one and interesting way. I once applied perforated metal to the walls of the bathroom to create a modern look. I also used the material as a back splash in the kitchen. The decorative material used here unexpectedly was given the same unexpected behavior. And it didn't add much to the overall cost of the project.

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