

# How to *design* a room

As Jennifer and I produce our design shows and work with Home Reserve customers, we gather all the latest ideas on how to make your home fashionable and comfortable. Here are some steps to help you go from the design plan, in your imagination, to the real thing.



## 1) Pick a carpet

If you're going for a colorful room, best to pick something that will provide a neutral pallet. Try these websites:

[www.mohawk-flooring.com](http://www.mohawk-flooring.com) and [www.shawfloors.com/carpet](http://www.shawfloors.com/carpet)

## 1) Identify a color theme and wall paint

By choosing wall paint you will discover what your current color favorites are . . . trust yourself, choose that favorite and prepare to build around it! These websites will help you select colors:

[www.behr.com](http://www.behr.com), [www.valspar.com](http://www.valspar.com), or [www.sherman-williams.com](http://www.sherman-williams.com)

## 2) Find a fabric for your new sofa or sectional

This is where the fun really starts. Walls and carpets are usually solid colors, so now it's time to add some pizzazz with patterns and prints, bold colors, and sophisticated texture!

[www.Homerreserve.com](http://www.Homerreserve.com)

## 3) Accessorize!

Add more accent colors with additional fabric patterns on Home Reserve throw pillows, wall art, and designer cubes. These will highlight your other color selections and put the finishing touches on your design.

[www.Homerreserve.com](http://www.Homerreserve.com), [www.target.com](http://www.target.com), and [www.pier1.com](http://www.pier1.com)



## ✓ Take risks!

Go ahead and try that lemon yellow sofa or that oriental wall art. These bold items will lend personality to your room. Other items in the room should serve to compliment your boldest choices.

## ✓ Trust yourself

There's a reason you always choose lime green accents, try to put stripes everywhere, or keep bringing home plaid pillows, even though your living room is already full of them! Colors affect people different ways, and you should surround yourself with the ones you can't resist.

## ✓ Copy your neighbor

They say imitation is the highest form of flattery, it's also smart, especially when the person you're copying is on to something! Collect design ideas from those around you. Find pictures in magazines and copy color schemes. Paint your kitchen those colors you loved when you saw them in that little bistro on vacation.

Remember to pick colors and patterns that suit your personal tastes and life style. Consider the latest trends, but don't be bound by them. The best design ideas are the ones *you* can't wait to try.



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