



Talking Turkey About Trimming

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During the holiday season many thoughts turn to trimming. For those of us in the luxury [home design](#) industry trimmings are always on our minds. We simply don't limit the term to the sort that goes onto a holiday tree.

Use of decorative trim is one of the best ways to bring a lux, finished look to a room. Trims add depth, warmth, interest, texture, and sparkle. They make room components and entire rooms pop.

Wide World of Trim

Trim options are varied and many. Tassels and balls soften their landing spots. Nailhead trims give elements an edge, and jeweled ones bring edgy elegance. Beaded trim adds sparkle and a touch of luxury to your décor. Cording makes upholstery look finished, and it can formalize a piece or deliver a casual feel.

The Art of Pop

Pillows and window treatments are obvious trim targets. Spicing them up makes them look fuller and richer. Prepackaged ones are available in most home goods departments. But placing custom trim on these surfaces gives you a subtle way to pull the various colors of your room together. A sofa pillow in a solid "pop" color can be integrated with the room's elements by edging it with a tassel trim made of colors found in your artwork.



Pairing two complementary fabrics brings dimension and depth to your window treatments. Separating the fabrics with one or more layers of different-colored beaded trim ties together the room's other hues. The sparkle of natural light on beads adds opulent beauty to the space. Cornices and valances benefit from similar treatments.

Share The Wealth

With your pillows and window treatments dressed for the ball it would be a shame to give your furniture, headboards, and rugs the Cinderella treatment. Think about putting a beautiful piece of art in a small, simple frame. Contrast that image with one of the same piece placed into a deeper frame and surrounded by two or more mats, each pulling a different color from the artwork. The second vision makes a greater impact. Applying that technique to a rug gives it a wow factor fit for royalty. For a fresh and current look consider adding a suede border to a tone on tone rug and finishing it off with nailhead trim to make it a substantial player in the room. Headboards, chairs, and benches can go from wallflower to waltzing when decked out in trim.

Unexpected Pleasures

Your rooms and their elements can stand out from the crowd when you use unexpected combinations. Pair a boisterous floral or suzani with welting in one of its subtler colors. Or welt the edge of a bench or chair in the room with that subtle shade.

Use jeweled nailheads on ottomans or cornice boards.

Add depth by layering a few different types of trim onto draperies.

Use trim to make shapes in a plain cornice board for a 3-dimensional and rich look.

What's Hot and What's Not

Sleeker, tailored looks are hot for 2015. Brushed fringe, nailheads, and tapes can help pare down your décor for a current feel.

No matter the trend, the time, or the look, the most important thing when using trims is to maintain proper balance. Trim should always be on the same scale as the object of its application. It's never hot to scrimp on the trim, and doing so will always catch the eye and feel off.

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