

Key Decorating Basics from HGTV's David Bromstad

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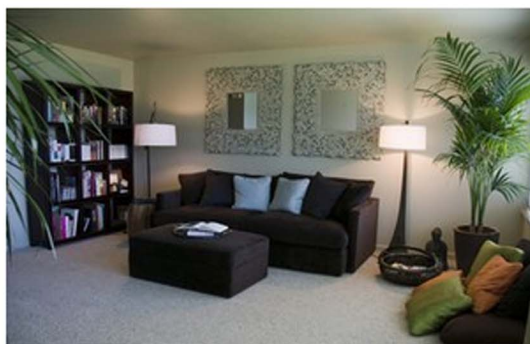


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This is Part 2 of a 3 part series on David Bromstad's visit to Seattle this year's for Eye on Design at Seattle Design Center. In this article are tips from David on some key decorating basics.

Where do I start with my decor?

1. Start with your architecture - decide which will be your feature wall. For example, it could be your sofa wall or your fireplace wall. This is a great wall for a custom art piece.
2. Then choose furnishings, rugs, pillows, tables, etc.
3. Decide on your color last. Amy adds, "This is what I do with my clients. Color is most moldable around your design. The decor is less so. Easier to find a color to compliment your sofa, art, etc. than vice versa. Color swatches are more portable when you're out shopping!"

Spend your high dollars on curtains and a nice rug

1. Curtains and rugs have huge impact so don't skimp here. Spend your higher dollars on them and figure out how to do everything else lower budget, if that is an issue.
2. You might have to have your curtains custom made to get what you really want, but they will be amongst the highest impact in your space.
3. A good rug helps tie it all together.

Fireplace Dreams

1. If you dream of having a fireplace, but your place simply doesn't have one, create a faux fireplace mantel treatment on the wall and you can set candles, plants, etc. in the open space where logs would normally go.
2. Amy adds, "It gives you that nice romantic focal point for special nights indoors."

Stay tuned for more tips from David in Part 3 of this series!