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David Bromstad Helps Out With My Redecoration Goals

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The other day, I was checking out HGTV's house tour of David Bromstad's place and was relieved to see that even design stars occasionally rethink their living spaces.



It's OK to Have a Design Do-Over

"When I first moved in, I tried to create a whole 'Mr. Color Splash' look. I painted the living room walls turquoise and put an orange cover on the couch with red pillows. Then I stopped, looked around and said, 'I can't live like this.' It was the ugliest thing I'd ever done. So I returned 80 percent of the stuff I bought, painted the room white and added some 'Mr. Color Splash' touches."

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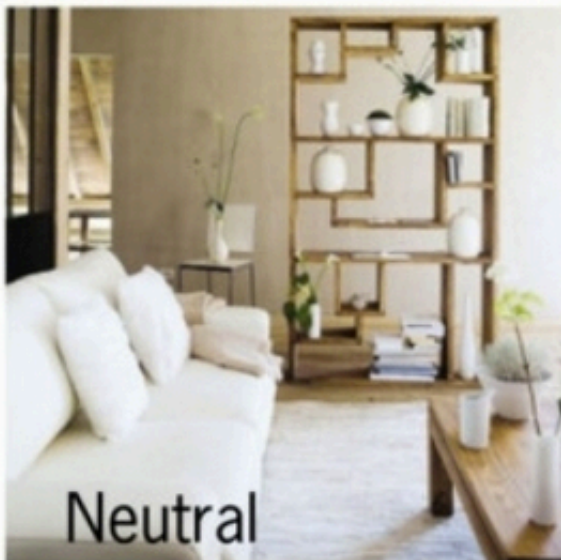
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I like David even more now that I've read this because I made some regrettable design moves when I first moved into my own house. The original winner of HGTV Design Star, David can be seen on 3 of TV's hottest design shows: his hit series Color Splash, The White Room Challenge and host of Design Star. David was an Eye on Style guest on my other blog back in April and if anyone could zoom into my problem areas and share some great advice to help me get this party on track, it would be him.

One of my biggest decor problems has been falling in love with different styles and sticking with one. I get caught up in the beautiful possibilities and on any given day can flip-flop between girly Hollywood Regency and masculine mid-century; light and airy or dark and dramatic. Then there's my new crush on all things brutalist...



Luckily David Bromstad has dropped by to help me with the process:

What are the first thoughts that flash through your mind when you view a home for the first time in terms of redecoration and an overall plan of action?

David: I usually take a look around and try to see what their style is and what they like. Some people have a hard time narrowing down their particular style, and that's ok with me. I look at their color schemes, their couches, their curtains. A lot of times, even when I walk through their homes, I still don't know. LOL....But, my brain goes to work and I instantly start to visualize how I can liven up the room based on what the homeowner likes. I always ask them to cut out clippings from design magazines or invite me to see their Pinterest page. That is always a huge help! Their inspiration becomes my own and I love getting to know their personality so I can incorporate that into the design! My style is bright so I like to bring something unexpected and fun to each room.

What would you advise me to do in order to stick with my top 3 goals for my home? I want it to be:

- 1) comfortable for myself and guests**
- 2) beautiful**
- 3) simple in design and easy to care for.**



David: In terms of comfort, invest in good quality seating and really test it out before purchasing. Some pieces can be really beautiful but make you feel like you need to visit the chiropractor after sitting on them for a while LOL! Positioning these pieces so the room feels open and inviting is very important as well.

As far as color and beauty, choose colors that you love and make you smile when you look at them. Pick a few to focus on so that it is not overload, but incorporate them in different rooms so that it ties the home together. If you are afraid to add color to your walls, bring color in through accessories and pillows and art. Try an accent wall. Paint is inexpensive, if you don't like it, paint it over. Have fun with it!



How would you advise me to stay on track, while not losing the joy of keeping an open mind to some fun possibilities that might crop up in the decorating/creative process?

David: It is important to have a schedule and goal of when you want things completed, however don't rush. Allow yourself time to let your ideas sink in and to be inspired by the world around you. Have an idea of how you want your design to look but be open to suggestions.



Something or someone you didn't expect may inspire you, so pay close attention to the details in your everyday life!

Finally, I'd really love to know how you deal with the challenge of working with different people's tastes, making them happy while infusing your own design sense into their world?

David: It is difficult at times because we cannot fully see into each other's imagination so it's important to communicate and stay on the same page. I try to make a personal connection and bond with the people I work with so that trust is established and we can understand each other. Most people are very open and have me there for a reason. They know my style and are open to suggestions while I work their style and personality into the design.

Thank you so much David for all your great suggestions!

So now it's your turn. I'd love to know your decorating secrets. *What do you do to make your home decor cohesive, comfortable and beautiful to the eye?*

P.S. Stay tuned for the first Magical Mined transformation happening this Thursday!

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