



Lampshade Logic

Designers shed light on an often overlooked element in a room's decor

- 1 "I tend to overscale my shades, and I'm fastidious about how they fit the 'shoulders' of the lamp," says Candra Scott. "I very rarely use white lampshades. Too boring!"
- 2 "Shades can add a bit of whimsy," notes Jennifer Kates, "and they can be switched when a room needs freshening."
- 3 "Color and pattern give a lamp more importance," says William Diamond of Diamond Baratta. "A lampshade should be a decorative element in a room."
- 4 "In this case, the clean lines of the drum shade balanced a great deal of pattern in the guest bedroom," explains Mark Langos. "Repeating that pattern on the shade actually camouflages it as a neutral."
- 5 "Lampshades provide wonderfully subtle opportunities to alter the cadence of a room," says Madeline Stuart. "They're like personalities—they can be wacky, sophisticated, charming or utterly boring. I selected this rawhide shade to reflect the rustic, western elements of the house."
- 6 "Using a colored lampshade adds life and energy to a room," says Robert Zamora. "It will 'pop' an accent color or highlight a minor color in a room." +