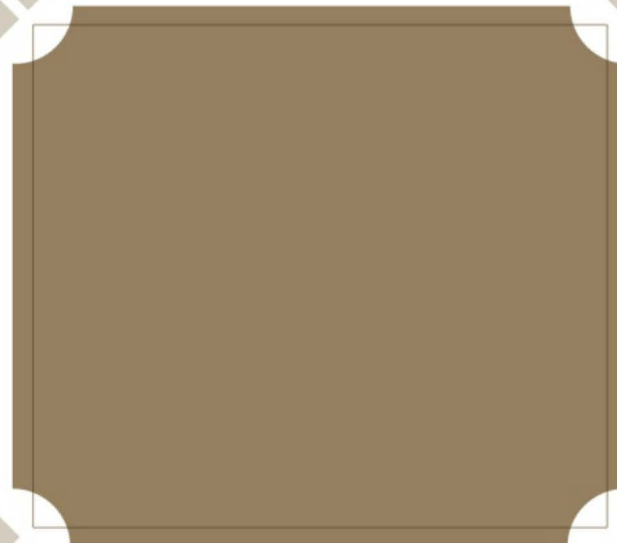
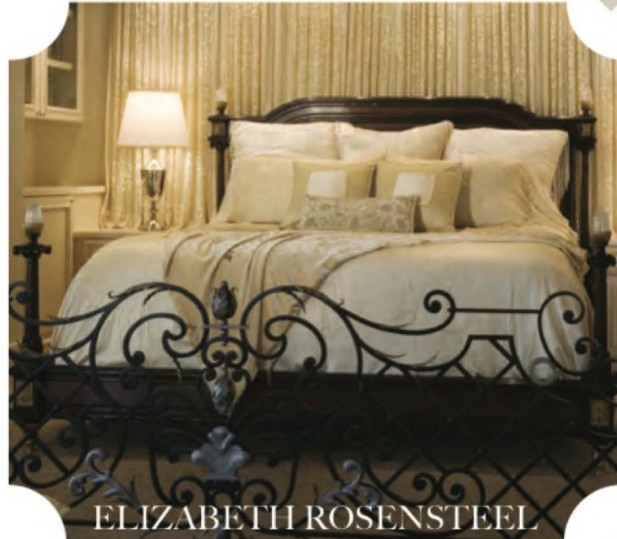


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Of all the spaces in the house, few are as personal as the bedroom. Thanks to the important role it plays in our lives—serving as an intimate sanctuary for relaxation and rest at day's end—the bedroom warrants special attention when it comes to layout and design. Coveted characteristics include serenity, luxuriousness, quiet, warmth and comfort. To help you conceive the boudoir of your fancy, we've rounded up a dreamy selection by some of the Valley's top design professionals, including Lynne Beyer, Allied ASID; Matthew Boland; Janet Brooks, ASID; Wendy Black Rodgers and Elizabeth Rosensteel. Whether your style preferences lean toward contemporary or traditional, exotic or other, you are sure to find inspiration as well as many insider design tips. >>



BEAUTY SLEEP

5 TOP VALLEY DESIGNERS BRING COMFORT, LUXURY AND EXQUISITE TASTE TO ONE OF THE MOST PERSONAL SPACES IN THE HOME

BY TERRI FEDER





When designing a bedroom, Wendy Black Rodgers believes it's important to discuss the intimate details of how homeowners live in the space. To that end, she asks her clients a series of questions, including whether they need black-out window treatments or just privacy, if they will be reading in bed or watching TV, what kind of sheets they prefer, if pets end up in their bed, will the bedding be just decorative or functional, will it need to be washable and more. Answers in hand, she begins scaling in the furnishings on AutoCAD and drawing an elevation for the headboard wall.

For Black Rodgers, matchy-matchy is a no-no. "It's much more interesting to vary the furnishings and unless it's a more contemporary setting, even the nightstands don't have to match. Also, fabrics need to relate, but not all match," she says. Another mistake she sees in bedroom design is not providing enough layers of light. "I typically include individually switched ceiling lights for reading in addition to lamps and possibly uplighting on plants as well," she shares.

The design of this bedroom was limited in some ways by its size. "Although the room is not large, the furnishings are large, which creates the illusion of a larger room while still appearing cozy," says the designer. Upping the luxury factor are warm, luxurious linens and a mix of old and new furnishings. >>

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