

decorating do's

how to pull off five fabulous styling maneuvers

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master the mix

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When many different looks compete for attention, eclecticism degenerates into mishmash. To create a harmonious decor using disparate furnishings, limit styles to two or three per room and unify them by means of a single theme, such as color. In this living area, for instance, Portland, Oregon, interior designer Jessica Helgerson balanced the visual heaviness of contemporary roll-arm sofas with delicate Louis XIV-inspired armchairs and a demilune table. The pale cotton fabric on the sofa complements the whitewashed furniture, while the blue and yellow upholstery on the chairs is repeated in decorative pillows.

TIP: Anchoring a room with pieces neutral in style and hue, such as these sofas, frees you to make more dramatic choices with artwork, wall coverings, and accessories.