



Below: Embroidered pillows; Judy Ross Textiles (judyrosstextiles.com).



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—William McIntosh
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Use touches of "expensive" fabrics judiciously. To give clients on a tight budget a customized look, we added a panel of David Hicks fabric to the bottom of West Elm curtains—we found them on sale—and reupholstered the dining chair seats to match the bold pattern.
—Kirsten Brant
kbrantinteriors.com

Just as certain smells can transform your mood, certain colors help you become happier in your home. **An offbeat, upbeat color statement can give your space a dynamic energy.** Here are some suggestions: Raspberry brightens the mood; lavender always soothes; apple green makes everyone smile; blue is a great relaxer; aqua lifts the spirits.
—Michael Whaley
michaelwhaleyinteriors.com



Osborne & Little fabrics (osborneandlittle.com) slipcover the "Italian Bench" by Julia Gray Ltd. (212/223-4454).
Top: Fabrics from the David Hicks by Ashley Hicks Collection for Groundworks; Lee Jofa (leejofa.com). All trade only. For more information, see resources on page 156.

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"Celadon Crackle" lamp, from Barbara Cosgrove Lamps (816/221-3461), trade only.



Old storage trunks in your closet can become wonderful side tables; fill them with extra pillows and cozy blankets for guests.

—Carl D'Aquino
daquinomonaco.com

Left: "Hampstead Trunk" in Vintage Grain Sack by Dan Marty Design (danmartydesign.com), trade only.
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