

# Designer Diva



Interior Hints And Tips From The Top XS Interior's Loraine Chassels Points The Way

## VaVa Voom Your Room

Not everyone can afford a room make-over when things get a little tired. Creativity, above all else, plays a very important part when it comes to what to do to create a 'new look'.



RIGHT: A sculpture and plinth will enliven your room.



ABOVE: Make a statement. Use a 'run' of items and create a 'vignette' of pictures.



Sprucing up or altering the aesthetic of a room can be done in many ways. 'Think big and pay small' can genuinely be achieved with a bit of forethought and planning.

Firstly, what are you tired with? Make a sensible list of what could be doing with a bit of a va va voom. There is no point in tackling the impossible so tackle the sensible. Start with the things that can be altered for nothing! Yes, nothing. Changing a room's layout by altering the position of your furniture is free. So is removing certain items and replacing them with things you already have elsewhere and using them in a different way. Before you do anything else check out these possibilities. Now, colour check your room. Would a feature wall, painted in a new colour or wallpaper, give the room a lift? This costs little and says a lot. If there is no budget to purchase structural items like sofas, chairs and occasional furniture then once you have looked into these two initial areas of change you should consider going down the accents and accessories route.

### Dress To Impress

Adding new bedding to a tired bedroom and layering it can look absolutely sensational. We think the Kylie bedding collection is one of the best ranges on offer and creates the best look for the price tag. From ebony satin with diamante' to ultra white with sequins



ABOVE: Add new bedding and layer it. See the fabulous new ranges of Kylie bedding at the EX/XS studio.

there is something for everyone's taste. A new bespoke headboard can also be a winner costing as little as £295, inclusive of make up and luxurious fabric. And if your sofa is snoozing, why not wake it up with dressy accent cushions.

### Clever Positioning And Statement Items

The positioning of accent items can create great interest in a room and add an artistic dynamic. For example a 'run' of items like sculptures or vases rather than just a single piece works well. Equally, creating a feature



ABOVE: Don't let your sofa snooze. Place your sofa at an angle. Wake it up with accent cushions.

using one key item like an overscale sculpture can create a bit of inexpensive drama and an unusual focal point.

With winter fast approaching and Christmas on the horizon (yes really) it's probably a good time to think about a revamp now. For those on a tight budget remember to start with a reshuffle strategy, then move on to colour alterations, then consider accents and accessories.

For those with a little cash to flash why not consider an Interior Consultation. What is available to the trade for their showhouses is available to you, too. At XS Interiors we can survey your room, put together sketches and story boards and give you everything you need to create a truly new look. Call for details. XS Interiors and EX Showhouse Furniture 0141 942 0519. [www.xsinteriors.com](http://www.xsinteriors.com) [www.exshowhousefurniture.com](http://www.exshowhousefurniture.com)