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screen SAVERS

‘Using screens is a clever way to transform nondescript bedrooms into dramatic spaces’ *Ashley Hicks*

▲ SHAPE SHIFT

The screens in this bedroom designed by Ashley Hicks give the space shape and alter the proportions of a wide, boxy room. This inexpensive fix was made from hardboard covered in his ‘Hicks Grand’ wallpaper for Cole & Son, £72 a 10-metre roll. The Dormy House makes MDF screen panels that you can cover yourself, from £45. ashleyhicks.com | cole-and-son.com | thedormyhouse.com

◀ SIMPLY EFFECTIVE

Tom Bartlett of Waldo Works has positioned a wallpapered screen at the head of the bed in this London bedroom to create a backdrop. It is covered in ‘Brompton’ from Peter Fasano, £142 for a 4.57-metre roll, from Tissus d’Hélène. Because the room is on the lower-ground floor, the screen was used to add depth and movement to the low-ceilinged room. waldo-works.com | tissusdhelene.co.uk

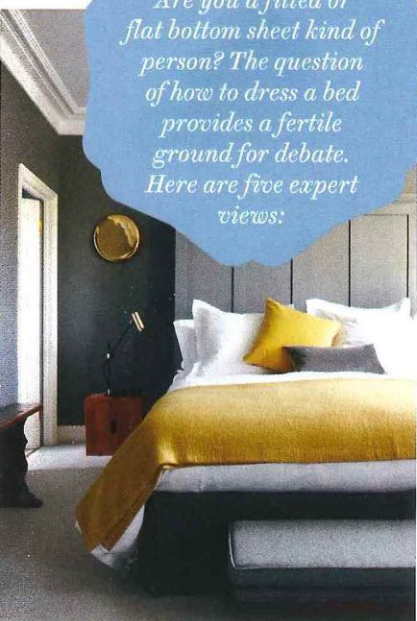


◀ EXOTIC BACKDROP

In this Notting Hill townhouse, the designer Hubert Zandberg used chinoiserie verre églomisé screens by Nominka D’Albanella as backdrops to the bedside tables. De Gournay makes bespoke screens covered in its range of beautiful wallpapers. Prices start at £6,500 for a four-panel folding screen. hzinteriors.com | degournay.com

MAKING THE BED

Are you a fitted or flat bottom sheet kind of person? The question of how to dress a bed provides a fertile ground for debate. Here are five expert views:



Sarah Stewart-Smith Interior designer

‘I like a good old-fashioned mattress filled with silk and cashmere; Epoc make beautiful ones. I put a pure white fleece blanket on top of the mattress, because it prevents the flat sheet above it slipping.’ sarahstewart-smith.com | epocbeds.co.uk

Nina Campbell Interior designer

‘I once stayed somewhere that had 24 pillows and cushions on the bed, which was such a nightmare. A firm regular pillow, a goose-down pillow and a big square pillow for reading are perfectly sufficient.’ ninacampbell.com

Emma Burns Interior designer at Sibyl Colefax & John Fowler

‘If there is one thing you must invest in, it is a bed valance. If custom-made isn’t an

option, buy a plain linen valance from Oka, trim it to the size of your bed and give it a smart grosgrain ribbon border at the bottom.’ cofax.com | okadirect.com

Alidad Interior designer

‘I’ve recently discovered fitted sheets; if they’re good quality, they look and feel exactly the same as flat sheets, but are just so much easier to use. I like the Monogrammed Linen Shop for luxurious linen.’ alidad.com | monogrammedlinenshop.com

Jenny Deeming Owner of Cologne & Cotton

‘Thread count is a bit of a marketing trick and the quality of the thread and finish on the cotton are far more important than a very high count. I like plain, self-striped white or hand-embroidered sheets on my bed.’ cologneandcotton.com □

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