

# A Designer's Touch

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*The parade of popular home design shows on TV has helped whet our appetites for taking our abodes from mediocre to magnificent. But we all know that it's never as simple as it looks. So we tapped a few of our favorite interior designers on dos, don'ts, and popular trends.*

## Sheila Bridges

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usually soothing and timeless.

### Please stop using...

Ben Moore  
"Decorators White."  
I don't know any decorators that use it.

### Signature touch

You can usually find stripes in all of my residential projects, whether they are painted on the walls or in the window treatments.

### Trend I love

Wallpapers are chic and in vogue again. They are not your grandmother's wallpapers.

### Clients include

Bill Clinton, Sean Combs, Bill Bellamy, and Andre Harrell.

### Common mistake DIYers make

Rushing to furnish one's home. When done correctly the process can be slow.

### Save on...

You can save on everything if you know how and where to shop. Check out flea markets, local auctions, and estate sales for good buys.

### Favorite paint color

I enjoy working with all shades of blue and green. They are

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## Danielle Colding

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### DIY trick

Repainting or refinishing wood furniture in interesting finishes. Repainting a wood dresser in a metallic paint and adding new hardware can bring life and interest to a tired piece.

### Common mistake DIYers make

Following trends too carefully and being safe with items that coordinate too well. It's the quirky finishing touches that make for inspired spaces.



### Save on...

Online design sites have brought traditionally expensive furnishings and accessories within the grasp of everyday people with real-life budgets.

### Favorite paint color

Deep teal. It adds rich color to a traditional space or a modern, clean look when paired with natural woods and industrial-style metal furniture and accessories.

### Splurge on...

Original artwork can bring a room full circle or be the catalyst for the overall design direction.



### Go-to stores

Aero Studios and Flair in NYC. One Kings Lane has become an online go-to for interesting furniture, art, accessories, and lighting.