How to Add Variety to a Room

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Variety is an essential part of how to create a space that looks and feels interesting. When we design a room we want everything to be cohesive, but we also need some contrast, and that's where variety comes in to help us create a balanced look. It's easy to bring in variety to a room by using the four design elements of color, line, shape, and texture.

COLOR

A contrasting color, a color that is different than your main color, can instantly create a more interesting look. Great places to add contrasting colors are on accent chairs, throw pillows, and accessories.

LINE

Line moves our eyes in a certain direction, and you can change things up by using an area rug that has diagonal lines, by placing a patterned fabric on a sofa, or by using a patterned tile on a kitchen backsplash.

SHAPE & FORM

Using different shapes and forms(3-dimensional shapes), in a room is a great way to add contrast. So instead of a rectangular coffee table, select a round or oval shape instead, or have on hand vases that are in different shapes and forms.

TEXTURE

Texture is both visual and tactile, and when you bring in different fabric textures on your bedding, vary the textures on metal furnishings like tables or lamps, and use a variety of natural materials like wood and stone, it creates a room that both looks and feels interesting.