

Creating the Perfect Master Suite Retreat

The master bedroom is the ideal place to take refuge from reality - and when it comes to creating the perfect bedroom and bath, casual and comfortable retreats are more appealing than formal, model-home-like spaces. The right color palettes, furnishings and fixtures can transform a master suite into a tranquil escape from the stresses and headaches of the day.

But blissful hideaways are not limited to only one style and feel. Relaxation can come in a number of ways - it simply depends on the eye of the beholder. Here are some ideas and inspiration to create a serene master suite, no matter your definition of relaxing.



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Bathing bliss

Before choosing a theme or color palette for the bedroom, focus your attention on the bath. This functional room deserves to be updated with elegant and understated features in order to create a haven from the stresses of everyday life. After all, a true master suite escape has the ideal spa-inspired bathroom.

To achieve a charming appearance with soft comforts, start by styling the room with fixtures and accessories that exude a clean style, like the Voss collection from Moen. Voss delivers uncomplicated glamour throughout the entire bath. With a full range of bath fixtures, including rain showers, faucets and coordinated accessories, your master bath can be transformed into a personal sanctuary that will last for years to come.

"While American bathrooms are decreasing in size, they're actually increasing in spa-like atmosphere," says Rebecca Kolls, senior director consumer strategist of home and garden for Iconoculture. One way to... CONTINUED PG. 2



A few words from the President/Broker, Amanda L. Grover, SFR

Amanda Grover Real Estate opens up into a New Market! Looking to buy or sell in the Adirondack Mountains? We can help. I've personally been researching the real estate market up north for almost

10 years now and own property in Old Forge. Being such a hot vacation destination, it's a great investment. Enjoy a getaway for yourself, while watching the market appreciate through the years to come.

Sandy King, one of our agents, was born and raised in Old Forge and has brokered real estate there this year, under our company. She's a well-rounded resource on the area. With our marketing strategy and

our business concept, we are thrilled to expand our horizons into Northern New York. Blue skies, bears, loons, fresh lakes, mountain hikes, rivers to kayak, and memories to be made. Interested? Contact Sandy x202.

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— RALPH WALDO
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incorporate this type of atmosphere into your bath is with a customized shower or vertical spa, like Moen's innovative ioDIGITAL. With ioDIGITAL, you can control water temperature and flow with electronic precision. Your bathroom will become the ultimate getaway that will effortlessly flow into any bedroom theme.

Cozy country flair

An uncluttered room with rustic antique decor pieces is sure to create a relaxing environment away from the hectic world outside. The simple and charming aesthetics of an English country look accomplish this desired feeling. English country styling mixes patterns and decor elements comfortably and with a bit of flair, incorporating what Kolls calls "style telling" - or styling that tells a story. And the cozy design flow works perfectly for a bedroom setting.

To create this look, start with a simple color palette - such as blue and white or pink and brown. Patterned wallpaper, borders and curtains in floral or plaid prints are a great way to evoke that welcoming, home-style country feeling. Keep your eyes open for one-of-a-kind antiques and wood furniture to accent your country retreat. A perfect - and often inexpensive - place

to start is your local antique store, flea market, or even yard sales. After all, one person's trash is another person's vintage treasure.

Select delicate, yet comfortable, furniture pieces to add to the relaxing and comfortable feel. Accent chairs with coordinating floral patterns and overstuffed accent cushions in a variety of shapes and sizes will make you want to curl up with a blanket and read your favorite book. Don't be overly concerned with finding matching wood pieces. Different and unique items add to the rustic appeal. Pine, oak or mahogany furniture items all have their place in laid-back English country style.

Coastal contemporary

There's a reason why tropical beaches are considered the fundamental escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. The rush of the ocean and the feel of sand between your toes can bring anyone a lasting sense of tranquility. Those same feelings can be incorporated into a master suite by selecting contemporary and cool hues in blues, pale greens and whites, with touches of sandy brown and gold.

For this laid-back theme, use an upholstered headboard in a soft blue pattern to high-

light the focal point of the room - the bed. You can even go a step further by adding plush curtains behind the bed frame, paired with a large plate-glass mirror to provide the feeling of open spaces - like the open sea. Because the bed will be the focus of the room, keep the shades simple.

Try bamboo window shades to maintain the casual flow while allowing in natural light. Use whimsical decor pieces such as glass bedside lamps and palm plants throughout the rest of the room to complete the theme. Looking for low-cost design elements? Corral beautiful shells and sea glass found at your nearest beach into clear glass cylinders and place strategically throughout your master suite.

Whether your style is more classic, country or coastal - or perhaps a combination - you can create a dream master suite retreat that fits your own personal style.

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"This is a busy time of year for us and our family. We try to fit play time into our work schedules as much as possible. That's not always easy, but somehow those little breaks give us a boost of re-found energy and ideas. We enjoy spending time in Old Forge, kayaking, hiking, biking and scouting real estate (it seems that last one mentioned will never get old!). Enjoy this beautiful time of year!"

"Dan and I have been very busy, we will be listing a lovely home on the Moose River off Rondaxe lake in the Adirondack Mountains. Looks like we may be taking up Golf in the near future as well. We enjoy our few free moments down at our Cottage on Waneta Lake – It's a busy time and the weather has been great for outdoor living!"



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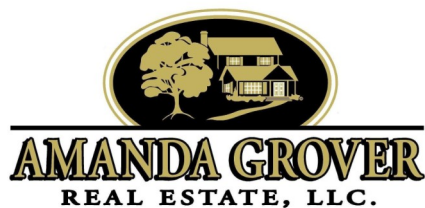
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"Travel in the summer is tough so our friends and family come to us! We are enjoying their company, & showing them what is great about the FL's."

"My wife and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary and looking ahead for many more." Congratulations Phil!

"As expected I am enjoying the wonderful Fingerlakes this summer. Exciting news is that construction on 'Seneca Bungalow' (investment vacation rental) will begin soon!"

"I am currently having a great time redoing my bedroom with a Budhist-style motif inspired by Inara Serra's beautiful shuttle décor."



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