

Pascoe Interiors

"This guest bedroom has a feminine feel with a yellow feature wall, on which hangs a collection of screen print artworks by Michael Papworth," explains Claire Pascoe of Pascoe Interiors. "The original vintage Danish rosewood bed adds welcome warmth and patina. A classic Eames chair and vintage mannequin complete the styling." Claire advises not using your guest room as your overflow wardrobe space for out-of-season clothes. "This makes guests feel like they are intruding," she explains. Guests need little storage so don't feel compelled to over-furnish the room. Claire continues, "Unless you have long-term guests, drawer space is unlikely to be needed; just a space to hang a few clothes will suffice." This project cost around £9250.

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SHORT STAY

Give your guests the gift of a perfect night's sleep while under your roof

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At Home Interiors

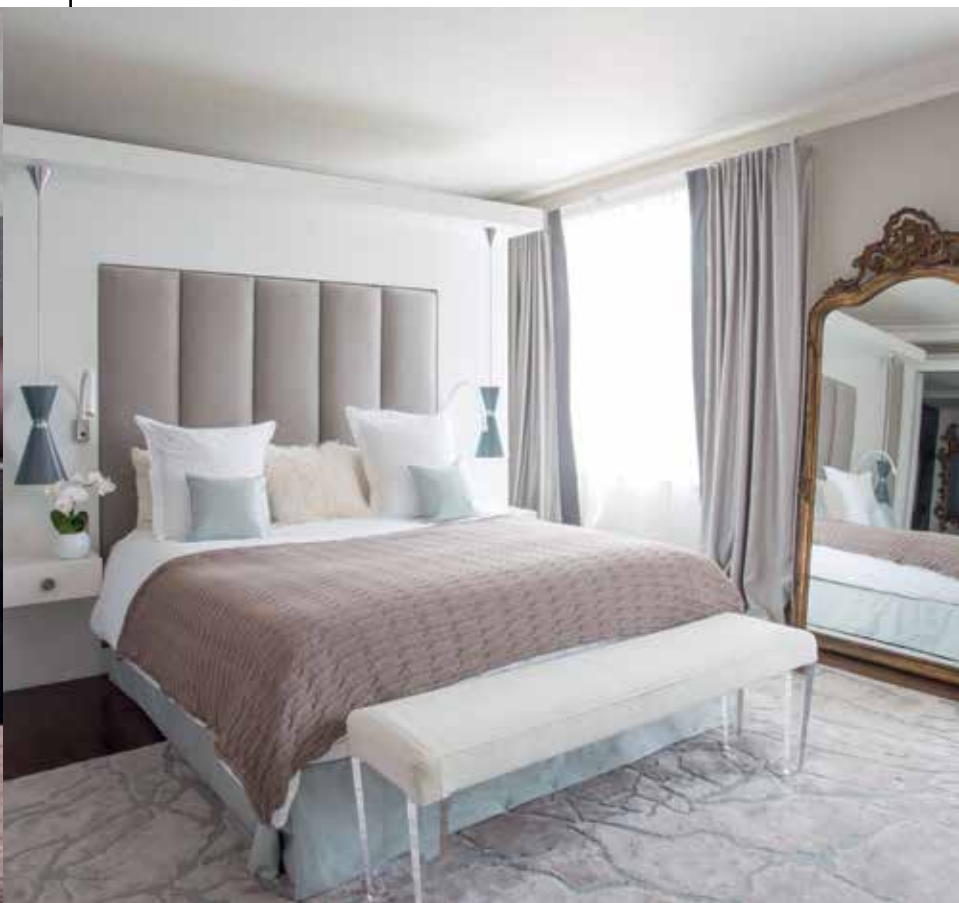
The brief given to Diana Trower of At Home Interiors was to create a luxurious bedroom for the owners' daughter who occasionally stays in the apartment in London. To maximise views across the capital, Diana chose the Mini dressing table and matching stool from Knowles & Christou. The Stepevi rug adds texture and warmth and is perfectly paired with Andrew Martin's Debussy bedspread. Diana created a feature wall behind the bed using Transparence wallpaper from Abbott & Boyd. Contact At Home Interiors for costs.

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Ash Design London

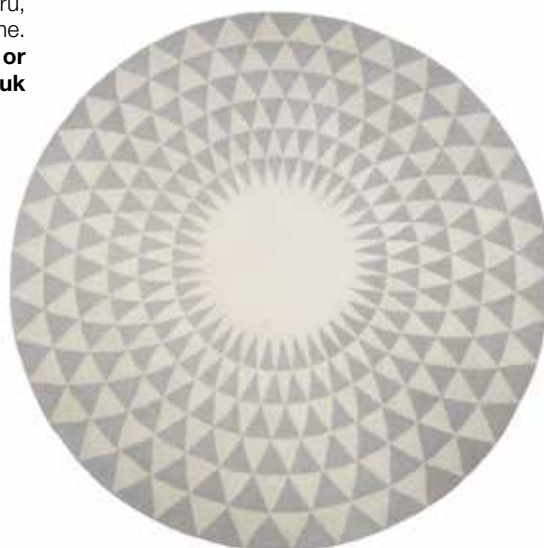
"Choose a neutral scheme, warm it up with a giant rug and don't forget to put out a nice fresh flower arrangement and a candle for your guests!" advises Sharon Elalouf of Ash Design London. For these clients in London's Notting Hill, Sharon has focused on luxurious fabrics, resulting in curtains from Bruno Triplet and a bespoke rug from Ateliers Pinton to complement the camel suede headboard. "We knew that the main colour was going to be a shade of off white, so we introduced some very pale blue accent tones through the lampshades and cushions," explains Sharon. The finishing touch is a vintage mirror, which was discovered in a Parisian flea market.

020 7349 7092 or www.ash-designlondon.com



Little Loafian side table, £195, Loaf.
0845 468 0698 or www.loaf.com

Niki Jones Concentric rug
in Oyster Grey & Ecrú,
from £250, Occa-Home.
**0330 363 0330 or
www.occa-home.co.uk**



Charlotte Crosland

Charlotte Crosland was asked to design a guest bedroom with a 'pretty, glamorous feel'. "The first thing I suggested for the scheme was the wallpaper and once I had the clients' complete approval on this I decided to keep the room fairly neutral but introduced glamour with the wall lights, bedside tables and lamps," says Charlotte. "I added extra glamour and interest by using fabric on the wardrobe doors, which allows them to become part of the room rather than encroach on the space." A similar bedroom would cost £10,000.

020 8960 9442 or www.charlottecrosland.com

Multiyork

Make your guest bedroom work harder with a space-saving sofa bed, which will allow you to easily accommodate friends and family as well as use the space for other purposes. All Multiyork sofa beds are handmade at its Norfolk workshop and are fully customisable thanks to Multiyork's extensive fabric library, which includes the likes of Linwood, Romo and Sanderson as well as its own in-house MYK collection. There are also seven cushion filling options available, from firm to soft as well as up to 20 different styles of feet. The Gainsborough medium sofa bed in Ian Sanderson Annika Check Barley fabric is £2389.

0845 303 7134 or www.multiyork.co.uk



Vitra Eames plastic armchair, £436, Amara.
0800 587 7645 or www.amara.com

Renoir tallboy, £975, Graham and Green.
0845 130 6622 or www.grahamandgreen.co.uk



Sofas & Stuff

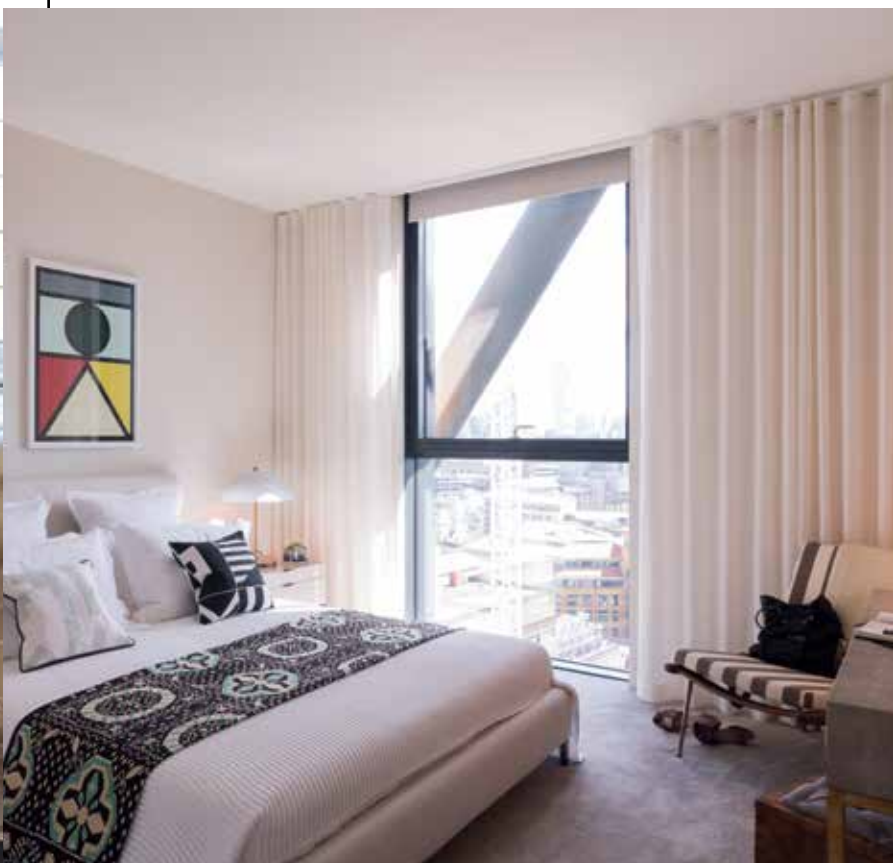
Think neutrals for the decoration as a starting point, advises Andrew Cussins of Sofas & Stuff, as this will help create a classic, crisp look that can be brightened up with bold accents. He continues, "Be imaginative with the pieces you choose, for instance nesting tables have come back into fashion and are perfect for a multitude of uses while taking up very little space. If space is limited then think in vertical terms – a well-made bookcase can take up comparatively little space and hold so much. A single bed can be transformed into a stylish daybed by being placed flush against the wall and dressed with oversized cushions and bolsters. There is also the option of placing a bespoke headboard and footer on the bed to create a tailored and elegant look." From Sofas & Stuff comes the Clerkenwell double bed in Barra Check and Barra Plain Plum, from £1113.

0808 178 3211 or www.sofasandstuff.com

NEO Bankside

Located on the south bank of London's River Thames, NEO Bankside is an award-winning residential development designed by Roger Stirk Harbour + Partners. There was no specific brief for interior designer Sam Chapman of Hudson & Mercer, other than that this room would be used exclusively for occasional guests. The general palette was very much in keeping with the rest of the apartment, which is a mixture of contemporary pieces and mid-century vintage furniture. The bed and night tables are from Minotti and the occasional chair is a classic 1950s design. There is always an opportunity with guest bedrooms to be a little playful, as these rooms are not permanently occupied, hence the Ndebele prints by Rhonda Drakeford and the Aztec print cushions from Darkroom. A similar room would cost around £8000.

020 7998 1888 or www.neobankside.com



Alexis black metal clothes rail, £95, Habitat.
0344 499 4686 or www.habitat.co.uk

Muji sofa bed, £550.

020 7436 1779 or www.muji.co.uk



KMH Interiors

The owners of this American townhouse in Roswell, Georgia often entertain out-of-town guests, hence they wanted a relaxing space that visitors could retreat to. "We had major space limitations," recalls Kerry Howard of KMH Interiors, "so to maximise the area we had to design a custom bed and floating night stands on either side of the bed. We used lots of great textured fabrics to give the bed depth, but all the colours were very monochromatic so as not to overpower the space. We also added height to the bed to make the ceiling appear larger than normal." Kerry's favourite feature is the stunning light fixture. "This is the perfect scenario where a chandelier gives the room its personality," he says. "It not only makes a big wow during the day, but brings an added element of depth in the evening when illuminated." The cost of this project was around £9900.

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Louis Henri

The brief for this glamorous guest bedroom in London's Mayfair was to deliver a comfortable space that transports guests to another world. To achieve this, Louis Henri Bührmann of Louis Henri designed the grand headboard, which was made in the UK. Lampshades are attached either side of the headboard to allow more space on the highly polished lacquer side tables. The Prunus wallpaper was sourced from Fromental and the bedspread was designed by Louis himself. "As you enter a guest bedroom it should have a magical, almost Wonderland quality," says Louis. "I always advise extra-thick black-out curtains to block out light and reduce outside noise and a water decanter on the bedside table. Bedside lighting should be designed so that one partner can turn off both lamps at once without disturbing the other."

020 7622 8343 or www.louishenri.com



Honesty crochet throw,
£75, Bedeck.
0845 603 0861 or
www.bedeckhome.com



Lugano bed with storage, from £1449, BoConcept.
www.boconcept.co.uk

Hill House Interiors

The equestrian-inspired guest bedroom of this riverside penthouse by Hill House Interiors features horse racing wallpaper by Hermès, bespoke lacquered cabinetry and a headboard upholstered in luxurious fabric by Armani. "Attention to detail is paramount to any room, but it's particularly crucial when it comes to a guest suite," reveals Jenny Weiss of Hill House Interiors. "Invest in the best quality materials you can afford, and start with a soft colour palette, adding sensuous layers of texture and colour. Even if your guest is only staying one night, ample and attractive storage is crucial. If specially commissioned cabinetry is over budget, there are some beautiful off-the-shelf pieces out there, which can be easily customised by adding different doors, giving it a bespoke look." Bedrooms by Hill House Interiors start from £10,000.

01932 855901 or www.hillhouseinteriors.com

TG Studio

Interior architect Thomas Griem created this guest bedroom for a seventh-floor penthouse apartment in central London. It is a small room with a magnificent picture window, so Thomas chose natural colours with a splash of bright green provided by the Viccarbe Shape O stool. Furnishings have been restricted to Flexform's Magnum bed, Lema's Quarantacinque bedside cabinets and the floor-standing Déjà-Vu mirror by Magis that bounces light around the space. Adding texture and interest is a throw from Urbanara and the Natural History Hummingbird cushion available from Achica.

020 7636 3838 or www.tg-studio.co.uk



Louis Leaner mirror, £199,
Furniture Village.
0800 804 8879 or
www.furniturevillage.co.uk

Novak walnut chest of
drawers, £1495, Heal's.
0870 024 0780 or
www.heals.co.uk



Cochrane Design

Sean Cochrane of Cochrane Design used a palette of warm greys throughout this early Victorian house in south-west London. Paler shades were used in the bedroom to maximise the light, then darker accents were added, such as the bespoke bedside tables and frame of the Vouet footstool from The Sofa & Chair Company for interest. Silk lampshades from Christopher Wray, the Cora rug from The Rug Company and a custom-made faux-fur throw add a layer of luxury. "Our idea was to combine contemporary and traditional design in a seamless blend to create a bedroom space that felt as if it had always been here – with a personal sense of elegance and luxury," says Sean. Bed linen from Yves Delorme completes the look. Contact Cochrane Design for costs.

020 7751 0075 or www.cochranedesign.com



Sandra Espinet

This house is located in the exclusive gated community of Villas del Mar in San José del Cabo, Mexico. The guesthouse is a separate space that is accessible through a stone staircase and has its own mini pool, outdoor shower and private fire pits. The client asked interior designer Sandra Espinet to create a separate space for his sister so she could enjoy her own privacy. "By the time we came around to designing the guest house we already had a design theme and colour palettes," says Sandra, "so it was an extension of the main house – contemporary but with a natural, warm twist." The stand-out feature of this bedroom is the bespoke oak headboard.

www.sandraespinet.com



San Quentin Baxter two-drawer nightstand, £235, Barker and Stonehouse.

0333 355 9359 or www.barkerandstonehouse.co.uk



Oswald Tufted Slipper chair, £449, West Elm.

0800 404 9780 or www.westelm.co.uk