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Decorating Tips and Tricks

What To Do With A Naked Window

In my opinion a naked window is like wearing the perfect little black dress without jewelry, or having a hot sports car without leather seats! Because windows vary so much in style, construction and function, they always end up playing an extremely important role in every decorating plan—to ignore them is to make a huge design mistake. When planning your window treatment design, consider these tips and tricks to make your design true show-stoppers!—Barbara

TIPS and TRICKS

Scale. Before you begin selecting your window treatment fabric and design, you first need to consider the size of your room. It's important that each custom designed window treatment be the right scale and proportion in the room and on the window. For instance, in a large room with small windows, your best design decision would be to extend the size of your windows with a beautifully designed window treatment. Conversely, if your room and windows are small, simpler treatments would help make your room appear a bit larger.



Multiple Fabrics or Colors. A great way to pull your color scheme together is to combine your colors in your window treatments, as shown here. The yellow of the walls, the red of the chair and the brown of the sofa come together in the draperies. In a monochromatic room two-toned treatments with different fabrics in the same color will jazz up the scheme.

To the Floor and Beyond. Draperies that stop above the floor give the draperies a half finished look. Add extra length so that the draperies "break" on the floor or add 3 to 5 inches to your treatments so that they puddle on the floor. Full drapery treatments tend to lend a quiet note of formality to the windows they dress. There are hundreds of design options and styles to select – stationary or traversing treatments – French, goblet, smocked or box pleated – your choices are virtually limitless!

Need a Lift? In rooms with average height ceilings add height by placing window treatments just below the ceiling or molding. Placing the draperies high on the wall elongates the vertical line in the room.



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INTERIORS by Decorating Den is pleased to introduce you to Barbara Tabak, owner and international award winning designer celebrating 10 years helping area homeowners decorate their homes and offices with top quality home furnishing products.

Barbara's room designs have been published in [Susquehanna Style](#), [At Home](#), [Decorating Solutions](#), [Window Fashions Magazine](#), [Décor](#), [Lodges](#), [The Complete Photo Guide to Window Treatments](#) and others.

In 2008 Barbara was voted Readers' Choice for Best Interior Designer in [Harrisburg Magazine](#) Readers' Poll. In 2007 and 2008 she was presented with a Pyramid Award from the Metropolitan Harrisburg Builders' Association for outstanding interior decorating.

Barbara was recently honored to receive an award in INTERIORS by Decorating Den's Annual International Design Contest for her design work. The contest was judged by the editors of such prestigious magazines as [Traditional Home](#), [Better Homes and Gardens](#), [Country Home](#) and [Woman's Day](#). In 2006 and 2007 Barbara won awards in [Window Fashions Magazine's](#) [Envision Design Competition](#). Participants from as far away as Japan entered their designs into the competition which is considered to be the premier design contest in the home décor industry.

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

Barbara brings her wealth of knowledge, experience, and superior service right to your door to ensure that all decorating decisions are made within the comfort of your home, amid your existing furnishings and within your home's unique lighting conditions. No more running from store to store struggling to coordinate fabric, paint and furniture samples!

Barbara firmly believes that when she walks out your door at the end of a decorating project, your home should reflect your decorating preferences. To that end, she works closely with each client to determine their likes and dislikes and then helps to transform their preferences into a sophisticated design plan. If you're looking for a designer who is easy to work with, keeps your budget in mind, and believes that designers should be as excited about decorating their client's homes as their own, please give Barbara a call at 717-541-1659.



Windows as a Focal Point. Are your windows a natural dramatic architectural feature of your room? If so, you have a built-in focal point, and should plan your treatments accordingly. Two-story windows, arched windows, and angled windows absolutely need to be treated.

Coordinating Treatments. Rooms with multiple windows do not require matching treatments, after all, the windows aren't the same, so the treatments needn't be the same. For example, in a room with a standard double-hung window and a French door it would be perfectly acceptable to dress the window with stationary panels and the French door with fabric shades made with the same fabric.



Sheers. The new sheer fabrics available today are not at all like your Grandmother's sheers. Airy, beaded, embroidered, shimmery, textured and whimsical. Sheer fabrics offer privacy but still allow for plenty of light to filter into your rooms. To cleverly disguise an unattractive view without shutting out sunlight, incorporate a beautiful printed or textured sheer fabric at your window.

Tassels and Cords, Fringe and Beads! Accent your windows with tassels, cord, fringe or beads! It's not only a clever way to get that unique custom look, but it will add a splash of the unexpected to your window treatment design.

Decorative rods, brackets and finials have expanded dramatically and beautifully in today's marketplace. From wood, to metal, to unusual materials, today's rod choices are varied and unlimited. They're guaranteed to set off your window in a truly dramatic fashion. Think about incorporating one of today's gorgeous decorative rods into your window treatment plan. They're guaranteed to set off your windows in a truly dramatic fashion.

Do you have challenging windows?

- Do you have arched, angled or two-story windows?
- Do you need privacy and light control but want to keep your view?
- Do you want your window treatments to coordinate with existing furniture and fabrics?
- Are you looking for a unique design that expresses your personality and style?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions,
call to schedule your complimentary consultation.

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