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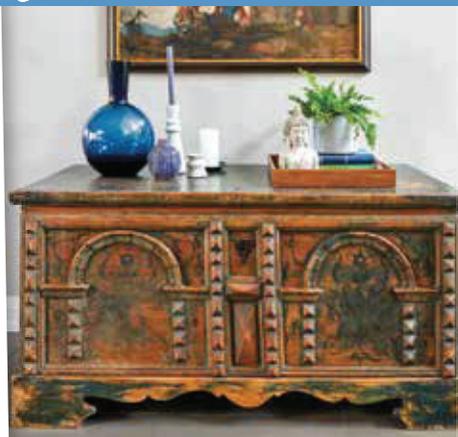
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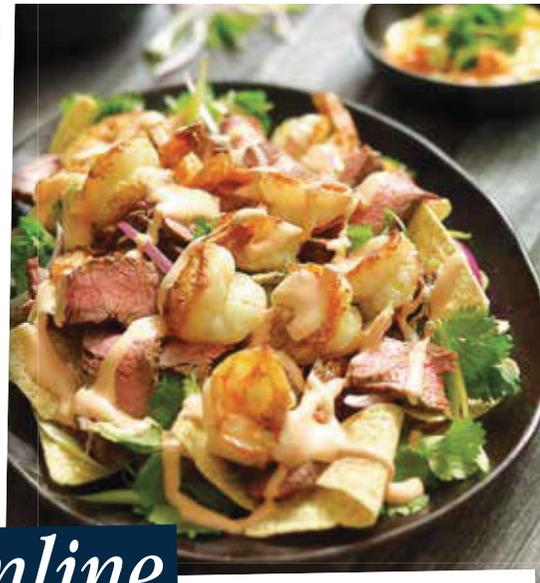
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“If I could only eat one thing for the rest of my life, I would choose peanut butter. I love the taste of it and best of all, it’s high in protein.”



Evelyn Eshun

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“If I have to choose between salty or sweet snacks, I always choose salty foods.”

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“If I could travel back to any point in time I would go back to the 1920s. I loved the outfits and the music. It was an interesting time in history.”



Kim Bartley

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“If I was to get an exotic pet, it would be a Peacock. I love their beauty and vibrant colors. They are a symbol of love and protection in many cultures.”



Mike Ward

Chef Mike Ward
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“I’m often asked what is my favorite meal to cook. My best dining moments are filled with memories of the people I ate with, not what I ate. Whether it’s family or friends, food for me has always been a conduit to connections with people.”



Evelyn's DOUBLE TAKE

Design and Event Editor Evelyn Eshun shows us how a classic bed can be used to create two different looks.

Text Evelyn Eshun | Photography Larry Arnal



“Layered texture is critical to creating interest in a monochromatic look. Both looks bring together a variety of fabrics that play well together.”

EVELYN ESHUN, DESIGN AND EVENT EDITOR



Hotel Chic

This simple, contemporary design combines the warmth of dark woods with the luxury of gold finishes to create a classic style reminiscent of a fine boutique hotel.

A TOUCH OF GOLD helps balance the bold and heavy look of the wood details.

3D ART ADDS MOVEMENT, dimension and shadows to the space.



Glamorous Chic

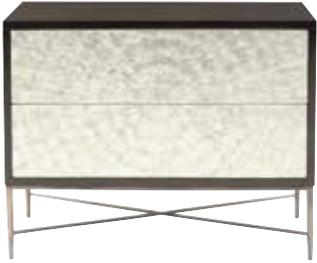
Combining classic pieces with luxurious finishes and textures like brass, mother-of-pearl and sheepskin give this space a timeless romantic feel.

A NIGHTSTAND ON LEGS opens up the room to give the illusion of more space.

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The Carolina King bed offers classic and contemporary lines for a look that is glamorous, timeless and flexible. The bold espresso frame creates a strong linear contrast which works well for a contemporary hotel chic look. Gold and silver threads weave through its overall linen-like material to add a touch of subtle glamour.

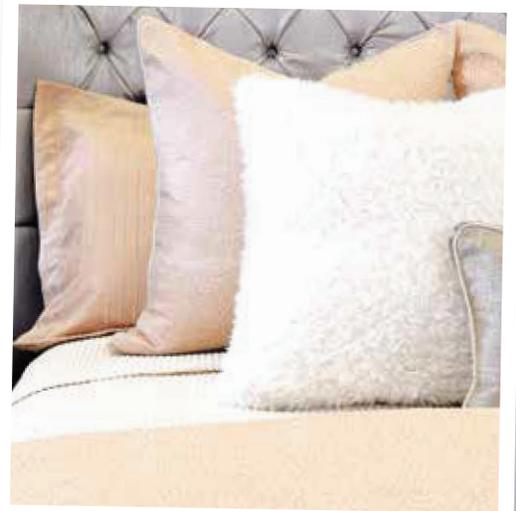
DESIGN TIP

When designing a small bedroom with minimal furnishings, opt for brighter accent colors and bold patterns.

T pillow Talk



A simplified pillow arrangement accomplished daily by stacking them one on top of the other makes for a clean yet trendy look.



Layering luxurious blush pink bedding with soft sheepskin and silver accent pillows adds a touch of glitter and glam and the various fabric textures create visual interest.

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behind the scenes with evelyn

Photos by Larry Arnal



IDS

In its 19th year, IDS continues to deliver excellent seminars and provide networking opportunities. I found gorgeous handmade cabinet hardware made of precious stones and fell in love with these beautiful mosaic tiles.

Caesarstone Party



Caesarstone throws an amazing product launch party! It is always a surprise to see how they will introduce their newest collections. This year, they unveiled their latest products in the shape of origami trees at the Thompson Hotel.

GTA Home Show



I had the opportunity to visit the GTA Home Show which provides local vendors an opportunity to present their wares to the public. It's a great place to scout for local craftspeople.



Evelyn's on TV!

Catch Evelyn Eshun on the Marc & Mandy Show or OnDemand at www.MarcAndMandy.com.

Kim, Fix My House!

Q How can I create an inviting outdoor space for my family without it costing me a fortune?

STOWAWAYS

Furniture that works double duty is always a smart purchase, never more so than when you're dealing with a small condo balcony or a tiny front porch. Not every space is large enough to accommodate extra pieces of furniture so make sure that the ones you chose also double as storage containers. Stackable stools are great for extra seating and can act as an impromptu side table or plant stand. Including a deck box as a coffee table provides a convenient hideaway for extra pillows, throws or even games when you want the space to look tidy. A big galvanized bucket works just as well to hold drinks or a selection of children's outdoor toys. An old bar cart can be useful for keeping frequently used items close at hand. Bringing items inside during inclement weather and then dragging them back out again can be frustrating and a waste of time.

GO WITH THE FLOW

If you want to create your own spa-like retreat at home, try adding in natural elements for a relaxing and spiritual vibe. Raw wood details, plants and candles all contribute to a calming atmosphere. Go one step further and add water in the form of a soothing, trickling fountain or even a small pond. There are many affordable wall or stand-alone fountains that have an appealing natural stone design. A small model can be integrated into your tablescape providing a surefire conversation starter. If you are looking for something less fancy, find a birdbath that fits your design style and you will discover that birds, butterflies and hummingbirds might enjoy your tranquil sanctuary just as much as you do.

CUT A RUG

While a rug is obviously an important decision for your main living room, the addition of a new floor covering for your deck or patio can really pull together your outdoor space. Opt for a rug with a pretty pattern that is also resistant to water and mould because it will be exposed to the elements. You can also place rugs strategically to shift the flow of foot traffic or to create nooks for guests to hang out



Photo by Stephani Buchman

in during social events. There are so many options available in an exciting array of colors, patterns and textures, that there is sure to be an affordable one to suit your unique style. If you feel like your backyard space or porch feels like a mishmash of items you have purchased over many years, there is nothing like a rug to liven things up and create a cohesive look. Whether under an outdoor dining table or sectional sofas and benches, an outdoor rug will establish a welcoming and finished look.

THE SECRET GARDEN

Create a magical escape for yourself with greenery. Nothing screams Tuscany like some oversized plants in large crumbling terra cotta planters. Or evoke a modern La La Land house on the hills with modern planters in black granite filled with pale green grasses. If English country is your vibe, add a trellis with climbing wisteria or evergreen ivy to the side of your deck. Even filling up a wire plant stand with small, inexpensive potted plants and flowers from the grocery store brings a vintage vibe that will add instant charm to the great outdoors. Small herb gardens are both pretty and practical, ensuring that you always have fresh flavors for your cooking endeavors. If space is tight, think vertically and hang a series of luscious succulents from hooks in a row to create a focal point. - *Text by Kim Bartley*