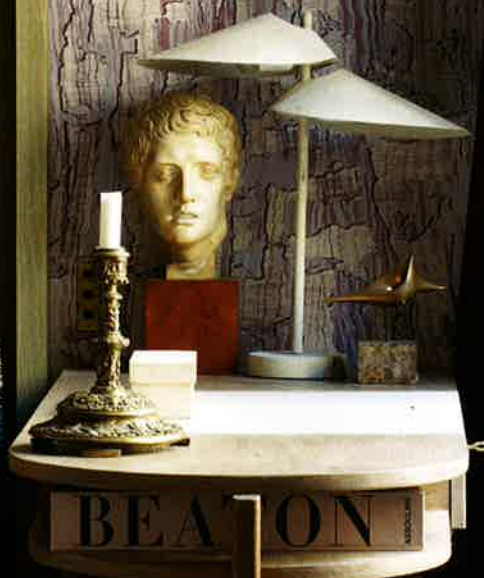


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Choose the right accessories to finish a great interior says **Louise Bradley**



Accessorising and dressing of a room are an essential aspect of any project. Without carefully selected accessories a room can feel stark, unfinished or as if there's something just 'not quite right'. Accessories add the final layer to a beautiful interior just like adding the shoes, bag and jewellery to a beautiful little black dress.

It is fascinating how something as simple as a vase, a lamp or a selection of cushions can completely change the look and feel of an interior. Which is why I have put together a tightly edited collection of accessories, to include a stunning range of lighting, soft furnishings and beautiful decorative objects in a combination of colours, textures, shapes and sizes that complement any space; a country house, a London apartment or a faraway summer home.

Accessories are a quick and easy way to update either a tired bedroom, drawing room or other living space.

By re-arranging and adding to an existing set of shelves or console with fresh and interesting items, it is possible to revive an area of your home that has for so long, been so familiar.

Changing something as simple as the pictures in your frames or the centre piece on your coffee table, from fresh flowers to a slice of colourful semi-precious stone or a translucent glass sculpture will not only invigorate the space but your senses when in it.

This, combined with a change of cushions on the sofa in various textures, colours and sizes will alter the entire mood of a room. Light pastel linens in the summer work wonderfully for a fresh and airy ambience, switching to strong jewel velvets in the winter to create warmth and depth.

Achieving the correct aesthetic between personal and decorative items can be extremely challenging, but worth the

extra moments once the balance has been found.

It's the one off pieces that you stumble across in a flea market in Paris or the exquisite souvenir bought while travelling that add a personal touch to your home. These 'chance' finds create the balance between an over-stylised and personal living space. Placing them throughout your home truly adds an individual touch and enhances the overall personality of a finished room.

Remembering to readjust the lighting to catch the most beautiful aspect of each piece will instantly focus the eye, turning each object into a focal point for conversation. Together with this, hanging a piece of artwork that subtly reinstates the colour scheme of your accessories, allows your eyes to drift soothingly over the room and throughout your home.

Grouping accessories symmetrically will also create calm and avoid an area feeling cluttered or overwhelmed with detail.

I am always surrounded by inspiration. From the colour schemes in the window displays of my favourite labels to installations in the V&A or the Design Museum in London.

Inspiration is everywhere and can encourage anyone to rethink and play with accessories in either a home or office space.

I also always keep in mind that accessorising is about personal taste, which in itself offers the freedom to do exactly what we want in our own living spaces, combining objects that we love, in the way that we find them most aesthetically pleasing and striking.

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