



who

Homeowner and designer Christine Dovey, Christine Dovey Style

where

Oakville, Ont.

problem

Christine's master bedroom, an uninspiring white rectangle with a tiny closet and ensuite, was a dumping ground for her family of six.

solution

To camouflage the black furniture set and create a bold backdrop for daring accents, she chose to paint the walls black.

floor plan
238 sq. ft.



moody DRAMA



After eight years of focusing on the rest of her home, a designer sets her sights on the master bedroom, reinventing the neglected eyesore into a moody retreat.

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Simple white IKEA drapery panels were hand-splattered with black paint by an artist friend.

A pair of ornate antique floor-length mirrors lends the space regal grandeur.

• the look •

“Dramatic and moody – but still cozy,” says Christine of her modern black and white creation that balances girly artwork and accents with dark, masculine furniture. “It’s always tit-for-tat in a bedroom,” she says. “It’s a place you both have to feel good in.”

• the layout •

At 14 by 17 feet with a small alcove for the door, the room is large but also long. A vintage settee at the foot of the bed shortens the distance between the two far walls. “Beforehand, it felt a bit like a bowling alley,” says Christine.

• the extras •

A curtained wall, made of white big-box drapery panels splattered with black paint, does triple duty: The light-coloured expanse hides a pair of mismatched, off-centre windows, lets in plenty of sunshine and offsets the dark walls.

• the materials •

One-of-a-kind art, antique mirrors and geometric toss cushions pop against a canvas of black-painted panelled walls and matchy-matchy black furniture. The ceiling gets interest from MDF moulding.



A reading spot gets a good dose of whimsy from a zebra sculpture, mixed-and-matched seating and graphic artwork propped up on the floor.

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LOOK
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Virserum **PICTURE FRAME** in Gold, 5" x 7", \$4, IKEA, ikea.ca.

Schonbek Renaissance rock-crystal 3574 **CHANDELIER** in Jet Black, \$22,750, Universal Lamp, greatlighting.com.



Zimmer + Rohde Urban Jungle embroidered cotton Splash **FABRIC** in 995, \$390 per yard, through designers, Bilbrough & Co., bilbroughs.com.



Off-Black 57 **WALL PAINT**, Farrow & Ball, farrow-ball.com.

Oak-veneered rubberwood Hazel **NIGHTSTAND**, \$670, Casalife, casalife.com.

