

## Accentuating Artwork

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Artwork is a key component in the design of a room. It provides color, shape, interest and character. Artwork can be framed art, tapestries, sculptures or sconces. It can also be everyday objects repurposed such as shutters, vases or plates.

Placement of artwork is key. Scale, balance and proportion are very important. When hanging artwork, take placement cues from items in the room and the room itself. Follow the angle of the walls, mimic the shape of the furniture, and relate the size of the artwork to the space.

Art can also be placed unexpectedly for drama. Consider hanging art close above a nightstand, against the back of a bookshelf or layered over a mirror.

Note that not every open space of wall requires artwork. By leaving some empty space, you create added interest and impact to what has been hung elsewhere in the room.

### Top Five Ways to Accentuate Artwork....

- 1) Artwork should be viewed comfortably when seated in a room, typically 4-6 inches above furniture. The exception: hallways.
- 2) Create groupings of similar shapes, colors or sizes for a cohesive look.
- 3) Hang shape-by-shape – use rectangular artwork above rectangular furniture and on rectangular wall space and use vertical artwork above vertical furniture and on vertical wall space.
- 4) Hang size-by-size – use larger artwork on larger walls and smaller artwork on smaller walls.
- 5) Align artwork with an architectural element in the room such as the top of a doorway, window, or bookcase, or the bottom of a light switch.