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8 Ways to Upgrade Your Bedroom

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1. Padded Headboard

A padded headboard adds additional fabric to your bed, so you can tie in more texture and color with your surrounding bedroom fabrics. A wooden headboard tells a story of heirloom quality, whereas a padded headboard brings a sophisticated, boutique-hotel element to your room.

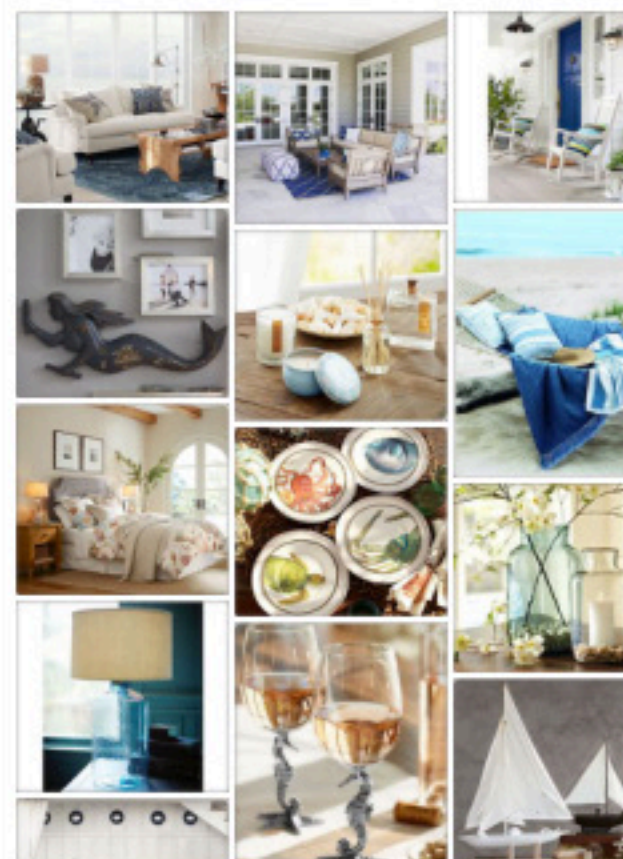
2. Window Treatments

Bare windows can look great in the right setting, but windows covered in fabric soften up a room and tone down harsh sunlight to create ambiance.

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3. Chandelier

Whether you're designing a bachelor pad or a feminine boudoir, replace your existing surface-mounted fixture with a chandelier and watch your bedroom go from ordinary to extraordinary. It's easy, and can be affordable, too.



4. Throw Pillows

The more throw pillows you have on your bed, the more inviting it appears. Designers love to use pillows because they're an easy way to add color and texture. Forms should be in every shape, from square to round, and in all varieties of sizes to add volume to the bed, which otherwise can appear very flat. Add a bolster for that extra *je ne sais quoi*.

5. Painted Ceilings

The traditional white ceiling is great for reflecting light down onto the room, but for a more sophisticated approach, paint the ceiling the same color as the walls. Not only will this trick change the mood of your bedroom for the better, it will also make it appear larger when ceiling and shadow lines disappear.

6. Crown Moldings

It's all in the details! Adding a 6-inch border of crown molding at the top of your walls will make your bedroom appear more elegant. Moldings act like a frame on a work of art.



7. Floor Covering

A fabulous floor of plush wall-to-wall carpet with a good quality pad will set the tone of unwavering standards. Should you choose classic hardwood floors instead, you will want to purchase a good area rug to further define the space.

8. Seating

Any great bedroom also includes comfortable seating. If your bedroom is too small to accommodate a quintessential Hollywood-style chaise lounge, try a simple upholstered chair or ottoman in a corner.

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