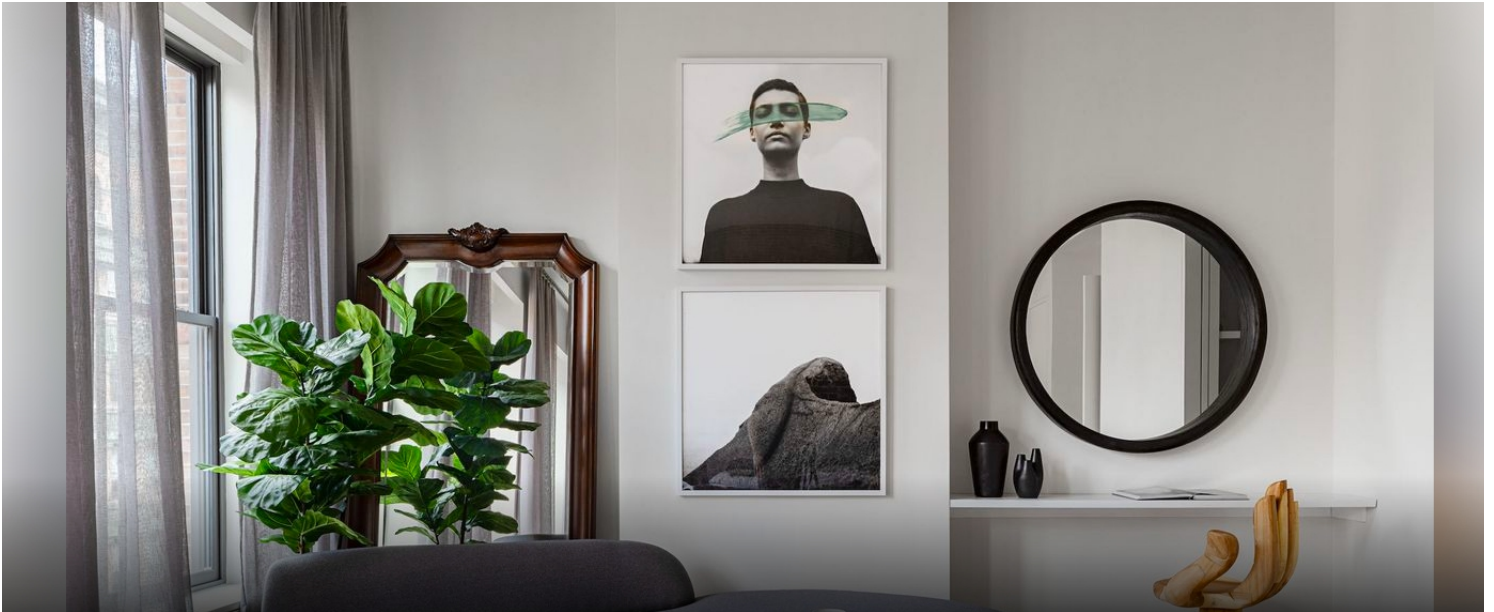


How to Make a Large Bedroom Feel Cozier

Choose paint color, wall coverings and furniture sizes wisely



Each week, Mansion Global tackles a topic with an elite group of designers from around the world who work on luxury properties. This week we look at how to make your bedroom feel cozier, no matter how large it may be.

A master bedroom often provides a super-sized space to "call it a night." But with so much room to lay your head, all that extra square footage can feel wasted or cold.

Yet, with some strategic attention to color, the right furniture placement and materials used throughout, you can easily warm up the space so it feels more snug. Follow these tips from design pros to make the space a comfy sanctuary.

Work With Scale

"I'll often choose a darker wall color to create a more intimate atmosphere for the room. Beyond color on the walls, sometimes I'll opt for a textured wallpaper, often in earthy hues. The subtle complexity of the texture brings in a layer of warmth, something I'm always looking for in a large space that also adds a layer of drama. If the room has a high ceiling, I'll look for ways to 'bring it down.' To me, that means playing with scale, and headboards are one of my favorite design elements to help accomplish that; a headboard with a high back, or even one that takes up an entire wall.

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“Another way I like to work with a very high ceiling is by adding dramatically lit art. It not only sets a moody tone but also forces our eyes to rise a bit, which helps with scaling down the ceiling. I love adding mirrors to either side of the bed. Not only do they act as windows, but they also reflect the light that glows from the bedside lamps, bringing a feeling of warmth to the space.

“The right placement of furniture will take any large room and make it feel just right for the people living in it. I like placing seating areas—which to me means two extremely comfortable upholstered chairs—at the foot of the bed with a beautifully upholstered ottoman in between. The arrangement fills the room, creates a lovely composition for our eye to take in, and adds the perfect cozy spot to curl up and finally finish reading that book.”



Warm neutral hues and oversized seating bring a sense of comfort to a bedroom designed by LeeAnn Baker.
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— LeeAnn Baker of Seattle-based LeeAnn Baker Interiors