

Interiors

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Interior designers Heather Van Luchene, ASID, and Steffany Hollingsworth, ASID, are the creative team behind Santa Fe's **HVL Interiors**. As business partners, they've created elegant interiors for dozens of residential and hospitality clients—including Albuquerque's Hotel Parq Central and the Capitol Grill in Santa Fe. Here, the designing women share advice for creating a perfect interior.

Keep it personal. Make your spaces meaningful with authentic touches in the form of regionally collected artwork and furnishings, family treasures, and found objects that are reminders of beautiful moments in your life. —*Van Luchene*

Edit your space to create strong focal points. People often keep in view everything they have been given, or purchased, or that is meaningful, without reflecting on what they find truly compelling. Spaces should have a hierarchy of focal points, with negative space in between.

We work around the strongest, best, or most relevant elements in a space—for instance, a dynamic view, a fireplace, a striking piece of art. We also group things that can talk to each other or tell a story within a composition on a wall, on a table, or in a corner. —*Hollingsworth*

Give it a theme. Create a story with variety and interest using common threads of color, pattern, and texture. One of the easiest ways to create a common thread is through the use of an accent color. You might incorporate a broad band of turquoise in a rug, then use a fabric with an accent in that same color, and then

use it again in a painting or accessory. Like a theme in a good story, the thread needs to reappear around the room in different mediums in order for your eye to remain interested in following it. —*Van Luchene*

Make bold moves. Use what you have in unexpected ways. A quilt that you have from your grandmother might be used to upholster a chair. An old tool or piece of ranch equipment from a family property may become an objet d'art when mounted on a stand or on the wall or made into a lamp with a modern shade. —*Hollingsworth*

Live with less. Buy the best you can afford. Take chances. Buy from the heart. For me, living with less allows room for the flow of creativity and also the flexibility to change things around. I firmly think you should only be surrounded by what brings you delight or inspires you. —*Van Luchene*

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