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WARMING UP BLACK AND WHITE

Proof that a stark palette doesn't
have to seem severe

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When Atlanta interior designer Lee Kleinhelter was tapped to work on the model apartment in Buckhead's highest tower, the Sovereign, she was given every decorator's dream: total creative freedom. And with carte blanche, she made the bold decision to go blanche – and noir. "I go about designing all spaces the same way," Kleinhelter says. "I ask myself: Is this the most interesting it could be?" While a palette of black and white might seem anything but interesting, the designer introduced unexpected elements to add texture and create a compelling visual story. Here's how she got the look. **L**

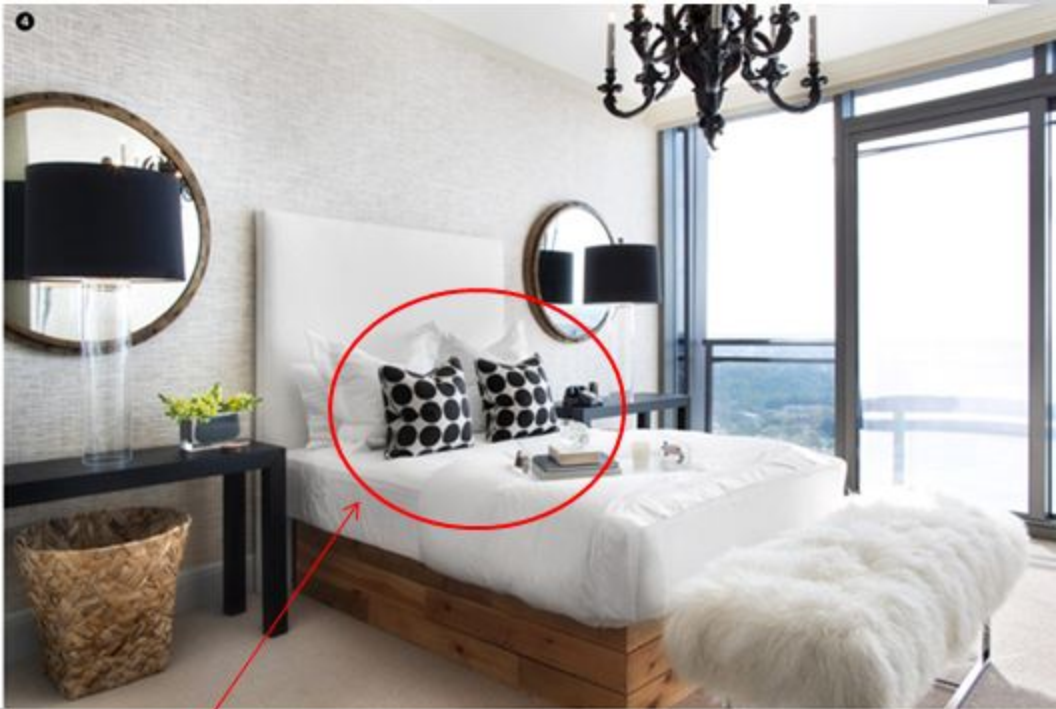
1. "My love for black and white isn't limited to my interiors. I often wear the classic combination, which is easy, chic, and versatile."

2. "Design with a dream client in mind. In the living room, I envisioned Tom Ford sitting in the furry chairs sipping a cocktail. I tried to layer the space with his trademark sexy luxuriousness."





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3. "Use black in big doses. Painting all the walls in the living-and-dining area black was what the space needed—it makes it feel much larger than it is."

4. "Interesting metals and rustic pieces break down the formula of a modern, polished look. Here in the bedroom, a handcrafted bed stand is used in place of a dust skirt."

5. "Experiment with scale to maximize any outdoor space. On a city patio, oversize chess pieces lend a dose of playfulness, like something you might see in a boutique hotel."



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TEN TIPS 10'

8. "Find your inspiration. The black-and-white theme was created by my first decorating decision: placing the Osborne & Little geometric wallpaper in the study. Then, seeing that the existing kitchen cabinets were black, I realized it could be a cohesive thread."

9. "Pattern and print are so important in a space with less color. I absolutely love the fun polka-dot pillows in the bedroom. They're a great reminder that a classic color combo can also be contemporary and cool."



10. "Coming up with creative headboards is a great way to do something unexpected in a space. This room is small, yet the height of the headboards transformed it. The vine pendants add the perfect amount of texture and depth."

