

Decorator's Notebook

Interior Design Tips From Cool Contestants

(NAPSA)—If you're looking to add style to your home, a few tips from the artists, designers, craftsmen, stylists and architects on one of cable's most popular reality competitions may help.

The series, "HGTV Design Star," features 11 finalists who are vying for the chance to host their own show. It's hosted by Clive Pearse and features a judging panel that includes *In Style* magazine executive editor Martha McCully as well as designers Vern Yip and Cynthia Rowley. The program kicks off its new season in Las Vegas with a casting special on July 22 at 10 p.m. ET/PT and then airs on Sundays at 9 p.m. beginning July 29. Here are some tips from its finalists:

1. Scott Corridan of Santa Barbara, Calif., suggests incorporating a "woobie" into every room to make everything warmer.

2. Todd Davis of San Francisco, Calif., recommends using "custom artwork that forces one to ponder who owns this space?"

3. Josh Foss of St. Paul, Minn., says building "green" doesn't mean spending lots of green. "Green design will put money back in your pocket with energy and water savings," he explains.

4. According to Josh Johnson of Hendersonville, Tenn., "A platinum palette always yields a sparkling impression."

5. Neeraja Lockart of Palm Springs, Calif., offers her three fundamentals of good design: "Color, Function and Flow."

6. Robb Mariani of Orlando, Fla., thinks it's best to take chances and think "outside the box."

7. Lisa Millard of Berwick, Pa., says, "Be creative when using textures: pair perforated metal with silk."

8. Kim Myles of New York City suggests creating a space that



HGTV Design Star Finalists
Front Row: Todd Davis, Will Smith, Neeraja Lockart and Adriana Nussbaumer
Second Row: Host Clive Pearse, Christina Ray, Josh Foss, Josh Johnson, Kim Myles, Scott Corridan, Robb Mariani and
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The stakes are high as 11 budding designers roll the dice for a chance to win the jackpot—his or her own show.

speaks to your own uniqueness and history.

9. Adriana Nussbaumer of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., says to "mix some of your 'old' pieces with new for a fresh, new style."

10. Christina Ray of Atlanta, Ga., reminds homeowners that "You can use fabric anywhere in a space to give it a soft and cozy look."

11. Will Smith of Charlotte, N.C., has this suggestion: "A simple way to achieve a modern design is to use repeated design elements throughout a space."

During the season, "HGTV Design Star" will invite viewers to extend their viewing experience at <http://hgtv.com/designstar>.

The virtual polls to select the winner will open on Sunday, September 9 at 10 p.m. ET, immediately after the eighth episode, and will close at noon ET on Wednesday, September 12. Viewers can vote once per day online and up to five times per day via cell phone text message to HGTV1 or 44881. Viewers also will get chances to win prizes valued at \$2,500 and up throughout the series.

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