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Tip Sheet:



## Finishing Touches

Just as a pair of earrings can make your style red-carpet ready, the right accessories can make a beautiful room simply unforgettable, says Kamran Karimpour of the Birmingham Furniture & Design Studio. Capture that look with the beauty of fine art, the soft glow of artistic lighting or the perfectly placed vase.



## Balance Trends With Classics

Have an appetite for trends? Don't let it dominate your decorating style, Karimpour says. Follow trends with accent pieces or colors, and it will be less costly to keep your home looking up-to-date.



## Invest in Quality

There's nothing more disappointing than replacing furniture every few years. Consult with your design expert to learn about what makes a quality piece, and consider purchasing the best you can afford. The investment will be cheaper in the long run.

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## DO IT TODAY:

Make It Yours...

With a Little Help

Wondering where to start? The professional design team at Birmingham Furniture & Design Studio is bursting with design ideas. Snap some photos of your room, bring them in and learn how they can help you personalize your home. Save up to 30% on all custom orders, too! [www.birminghamdesignstudio.com](http://www.birminghamdesignstudio.com). 248.723.8888.

## Like It? Want to Love It? Customize It! Create a truly custom look with personalized pieces

Ever walked away from a gorgeous piece because something about it wasn't right for your home? Stop and take a second look, suggests Kamran Karimpour, president of Birmingham Furniture & Design Studio in Birmingham. "Many pieces can be easily customized to fit your room. If you like the frame, but it is not quite what you are looking for, a simple change in fabric or finish can transform it into the perfect fit," he says. Change the color, fit, feel, softness ... the possibilities are endless.



**PERSONALIZE YOUR SEATING** area with an ottoman with a fun fabric or trim in place of a cocktail table. "An ottoman can add softness and texture in an unexpected way," Karimpour says.



**CHANGE FABRIC** and add tufting and nail heads to completely customize the look and feel of a chair. Available in many fabrics, finishes and sizes, this chameleon piece can even become a full-length sofa, Karimpour says.



**TAP THE KNOW-HOW** of a rug expert to get the perfect foundation for your room. "An expert's inventory spans the entire weaving world, never limited to just what's in the store," say both Kristi and Kamran Karimpour, certified Oriental rug appraisers. With a wide range of colors, textures, designs and sizes, a custom rug is worth the wait.



**COMPLETE YOUR POWDER ROOM** with a decorative chest or cabinet modified to accommodate your plumbing. "This out-of-the-box choice offers a one-of-a-kind look," Kamran Karimpour says.



**MORPH A CHEST** from a traditional period piece into a transitional look with a change of hardware and a second finish on the drawer fronts, Karimpour says.

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