

# One space,\* two weeks, four designers,\*\* three total makeovers

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All we did was provide the space: a loft-style building in downtown's Riverfront Park. We took three identical empty units—walls white, rooms bare. Then we called in the design experts, and in the course of two weeks they took a white box and transformed it three wildly different ways—a velvety and English-inspired **traditional** look, a clean **contemporary** look, and a sleek yet warm **eclectic** look. Think this kind of makeover is only for the pros? Think again. We show you the how, why, where, and how much, plus great ideas for quick fixes, direct from the designers—proving that, when it comes to decorating your home, the possibilities are limitless. (Although, we'd suggest giving yourself more than two weeks...)

# Traditional

Crisp whites and solid velvets help transition traditional to downtown chic.



Pam Kelker  
CASTLES INTERIORS



**INSPIRATION:** Kelker's a-ha! moment happened the instant she found the white sofa and chairs (\$7,700 and \$3,600 at Ebanista). Immediately drawn to their crisp, clean look, she knew they would be the perfect anchor for her room concept: a traditional look in a downtown loft. Overly patterned fabrics would compete with

the vastness of the space, created by the floor-to-ceiling view. Crisp white would enhance it.

**ADVICE:** "Start with one piece that you love, and—here's the key—commit to it. So many people waiver once they've bought something.... Just be brave and stick with it. You can decorate an entire room around it."

**RESUMÉ:** Pam Kelker founded Castles Interiors 20 years ago and has been decorating Denver homes with her signature traditional style ever since. Career highlights include the Parade of Homes and Junior Symphony Guild show homes, though her favorite projects are remodels and new construction.



## Be Simple

Kelker chose this crystal, china, and hurricane because of their simplistic design (available at Ebanista). Her goal was to create a traditional, elegant space with more contemporary colors and lines.



## Shine On

Using Pratt & Lambert's Opulence Pearl paint color on the custom-designed mantel (\$1,950 at Distinctive Mantel Designs), Kelker was able to add an accent of shimmer in an unexpected place—the fireplace. Hint: She used the same color on the ceiling, giving the room a noticeable glow in the midday sun.



## Light and Dark

Don't be afraid of creating contrast. The dark-velvet accent pillow (\$240 at HW Home) really makes the stark white of the linen chair pop.



## Classical Style

The ornate, scalloped Italian-made Essex lamp table (\$5,685 at Ebanista) is one of the most classic, traditional pieces in the room.



## The Little Things

Flourishes, like nailhead trims and tassels, are common to traditional style and create simple, elegant details. (Green velvet throw \$265 at Wesco.)



## Minimalism

The silver and gold embroidery on this red velvet pillow (\$260 at HW Home) is one of the only patterned fabrics in the room—allowing the pillow to stand out as a piece of artwork.

## WHERE TO BUY

**White Sofa and Chairs:** \$2,764–\$9,475 at Ebanista; **Red Chair:** by Jeffco, \$2,970 at Whitney Evans; **Cocktail Table:** wrought iron with glass \$7,000 at Ebanista; **Decorative Vase:** \$825 at Pismo; **Pillows:** \$225–\$260 at HW Home; **Rugs:** Gold (Pakistan) \$14,810 at Ebanista, green (India) \$13,333 at Ebanista; **Dining Set:** palafoxiana table \$7,960 at Ebanista, chairs CPA; **Floor Lamp:** \$1,049 at CAI; **Gold Mirror:** by John Richards, \$1,225 at Whitney Evans; **Italian Armoire:** \$22,301 at Ebanista; **Chandelier:** with wood and mirror ornaments, \$2,195 at HW Home; **Chandelier:** \$1,988 each at Ebanista.