

Easy decorating

Cool down your dining room with soft tones

Try a soothing shade of blue on the walls, and set the table in neutrals.



◀ Mix in dinnerware with softly painted foliage for a seasonal table setting. Aspen dinnerware, \$50 for a 4-piece place setting; www.portmeirion.com.



▶ Paint an old table white or buy a light wood version—it'll really open up your space. Adler large birch table (75" L x 36" W x 29½" H), \$399; www.crateandbarrel.com.

▶ Coat your walls and accent the room with a seaside blue. Harborside Blue paint, \$12–\$23 per gallon; www.gildden.com.



◀ Line your table with a natural fiber runner for a casual yet pulled together look. FiberArt linens, \$5–\$20; www.designideas.net.



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Create calm in your bedroom

Go for soft shades and a subtle pattern, and play them against earth tones for serenity.

▶ Scatter votives and pillar candles around the room for a relaxing atmosphere. Wrapped votive, Studio B by Magenta, \$10; www.magenta-inc.com.



◀ Place a small wood stool at the end of your bed for seating and storage. Osaka stool (20½" W x 15¾" D x 20" H), \$60; www.pier1imports.com.



▶ Line the floor beside or near the foot of your bed with a woven runner. Stripe border sisal rug (2' x 3'), \$99; www.potterybarn.com.

