



THE TAPERED SHAPE OF A WOOD-AND-METAL BED FRAME ADDS ELEGANCE TO THIS ROOM BY TOLEDO GELLER INTERIORS.

Design Deep Dive: Canopy Beds

Market director *Carisha Swanson* picks this month's trends with staying power.

ON EVERYONE'S WISH LIST SINCE CHILDHOOD, canopy beds add a note of romance and grandeur to any bedroom. In medieval Europe, they were draped in layers of fabric to provide privacy and warmth for nobles—a move that's still popular, if only for added drama. Perhaps most surprising is how versatile a canopy bed can be, adding coziness to a large room or height to a small one. But there are a few rules to know before you make the leap.

Photograph by JACOB SNAVELY

1. Before You Buy...

Consider these three elements for a balanced composition.

- **Scale** "Canopy beds are best in grand rooms to take up visual space or in petite ones to trick the eye into making them feel larger. Make sure the other pieces aren't dwarfed." —*Melissa Warner Rothblum*
- **Lighting** "Think about the electrical in the room. If there's a chandelier or pendant, your bed will have to fit under or be positioned beside it." —*Nicole Fuller*
- **Texture** "If you're going to add fabric to your canopy bed, consider lining the interior with a soft drapery wool or cashmere blend—it works well because it has the comfortable feel of fine bed linens." —*Carey Karlan*



DESIGN BY BARRIE BENSON

2. And Then There's Drapery...

For a "room inside a room," Atlanta designer Beth Webb adds fabric to a canopy bed—since they're sold unadorned—creating an even cozier cocoon effect.



DESIGN BY BETH WEBB

Think in Pairs

Webb's tip: Use a solid inside (to soothe!) and a pattern outside (for fun). For the most relaxed look, try a solid linen.



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