

romance uncovered

New vintage-inspired linens are like lingerie for the bed.

Take the best of two romantic but very different decor styles—the time-worn look of shabby chic and the soft-focus glamour of Old Hollywood. Blend gently while adding sweet, sorbet colors. The result? Seriously sexy bed fashions that are as laid-back as they are luxurious. Look for high-fashion finishes like quilted satin, watercolor brocades and rose-petal ruffles. ♥



style counsel



Synonymous with sophisticated New York style, **Donna Karan** (chief designer of the international fashion and home furnishings company that bears her name) reveals that

her ideal bed is a fantasy experience. "For me, it's about pure luxe," she explains. "It all starts with the fabric and sense of touch. It's pillows, cashmere and cottons of the finest quality. And it's in the details—hand-stitching, hand-quilting." The way you dress your bed shouldn't be any different than the way you dress yourself. "It shouldn't just be 'the bed.' The drama of the bed doesn't come from something you buy once...you keep adding pieces to it, creating your own comfort and luxury." Looking for a balance between masculine and feminine looks? Karan suggests choosing a feminine color like pink in a masculine fabric, or a floral pattern in neutral tones.

In background: Round ruffled douppioni silk pillow (\$200), by Ann Gish. On chair, from top: Flange pillow sham with metal embroidery (\$335), by Meghan Park; embroidered cotton voile European square sham (\$1,140 per pair), by Porthault Linens; silk pillowcase with ruffled edge (\$90), by Chantal Thomass for Elsa C; Egyptian cotton sateen duvet cover with ribbon border (\$445), by Nancy Koltes; flange pillow sham (\$385), by Ann Gish; cotton pillow sham with pleated double ruffle (\$115), from the Enchanted Garden Collection, by DKNY Life; printed stripe cotton European sham with tie closure (\$100), from the Enchanted Garden Collection by DKNY Life; quilted throw (\$170), by Pine Cone Hill; Egyptian combed-cotton Boudoir sham (\$144 per pair), by Yves Delorme.

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