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Peaceful Slumber

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A master bedroom should be just that, peaceful; an escape from the kids, work, computers, emails and ringing cell phones. My client Tracy Shanks was looking for a retreat. Having completed the redesign of her first floor, we wanted to continue the colors and style upstairs in her master bedroom for a more cohesive look.

Removing a large armoire seems to be the first thing both my clients and I want to do. With a big, bulky piece, gone storage needs to be replaced and I am a big fan of the non-bedroom "set." Having pieces that complement each other but don't necessarily match. In this space, both dressers and the side tables are all from different vendors, yet each relate to the space and to each other.

We weaved a simple dose of navy from downstairs into the bench and bolster pillow. The attached sitting room got a bigger shot of the color on the walls, creating a cozy reading room. This space now has a clean, soft grey palette on the walls and overlay rug as well as the channel back upholstered bed. The heavy wood is gone.

If your space is similar, with a large curved window, take the curtain panels over the arch like we did here, adding a traverse rod for easy maneuvering. The biggest designer no-no, poles under an arch, will instantly shorten a room.

Here are a few other tips for the perfect master bedroom:

- Soft and similar colors on walls and ceiling
- Try painting the molding the same color as the walls
- Invest in good sheets.
- Don't overdo the pillows husbands hate that!
- Mismatched furniture in like-colors
- Carry your window treatments to the ceiling for height and luxury
- Layer an area rug over the carpet
- Splurge on bedside flowers

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