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How to enjoy **5 STAR** LUXURY AT HOME

Luxury interior designer **Roselind Wilson** shares her tips on how to create a high-end boutique finish in your home

Nothing beats the feeling of stepping into a five-star hotel room and being enveloped in a sense of luxury, comfort and indulgence. The stresses of your day-to-day life simply fade away as you relax into a world of cocooned luxury. But why keep such treats just for trips away? If you bring a bit of hotel chic into your own home, you can reap the benefits all year round. Drawing on their knowledge of the tips and tricks that high-end hotel designers apply to their luxurious schemes, Roselind Wilson, of Roselind Wilson design, shares her advice on how to bring hotel-inspired design into your own home.

A Calming Palette

Using a neutral palette is the perfect way to create a luxurious hotel feel. Pared-back tones have a restful quality, which makes them ideal for a bedroom because they will help prepare you for a good night's sleep.

But neutral doesn't have to mean dull. "A



neutral scheme can be dynamic and full of life while still retaining a calm and relaxing feel," says Roselind. "The important thing to remember when decorating with neutrals is to bring in plenty of different patterns and textures. You can

create depth and interest by layering rich fabrics and luxurious textures."

In the case of Roselind Wilson Design's Eaton Square master bedroom, a palette of greens and soft greys was employed to create a calm, welcoming space. "The neutral palette goes beyond the walls here," says Roselind. "Neutral drapery and upholstery work together to create a peaceful space where one can escape from the stresses of the day. Metallic silk textures were introduced to exude understated glamour and the velvet chaise lounge at the foot of the bed adds a further element of luxury."

Glamorous Finishes

Embracing the trend for metallic fittings in materials like brass and brushed gold is a surefire way to bring a hotel vibe into your home. "Fashionable metallics and iridescent finishes can really transform a scheme," says Roselind. "From copper and chrome to bronze and brass, integrating interesting metallic finishes into a design scheme creates a pleasing, harmonious look."

And when it comes to bathrooms, natural stone



is a material guaranteed to add drama and luxury. "Stone won't go out of fashion because it's such a timeless material," says Roselind. "And if it's well maintained it can last a lifetime, making it well worth the investment."

Roselind Wilson Design's Eaton Mews North bathroom is a case in point. Exquisite Turkish lilac marble has been chosen here to create a decadent look in this beautiful white bathroom. High-end hotel designers often choose marble for bathrooms because it signals luxury and gives a smooth, elegant finish.

Subtle Symmetry

There's something about symmetry that is innately satisfying – one of the reasons why it's often used in luxury hotel design to help create a calm, balanced ambiance. In the home environment, this technique can be adopted to great effect in a bathroom by selecting symmetrical dual basins and matching taps. In Roselind Wilson Design's award-winning Belsize Park bathroom, the chunky vanity unit in Honed Ocean Black Travertine is a masterclass in symmetry with its pair of hammered bronze basins and vintage brass taps.

"A carefully considered interior design scheme is balanced – the furniture, fabrics and colour palette all work in harmony," says Roselind.



"With the rise in popularity of social media, the lines are blurring between hotel design and residential interior design," says Roselind Wilson, Owner and Creative Director of Roselind Wilson Design. "Hotels like Ham Yard and The London Edition – both in London's Soho – are great examples of the trend for introducing more colour, texture and pattern into hospitality design. They radiate fun, sophistication and elegance, and it's this sense of style which can be brought into domestic interiors to replicate that sense of a luxurious getaway."

"Symmetry within a design scheme doesn't necessarily mean that elements mirror themselves on either side, but rather that components within the scheme flow well together. Symmetrical interiors create a relaxed atmosphere because they are easy to assimilate and instinctively make us feel composed and comfortable."

Luxurious Textures

"Textured wallcoverings are used extensively

in luxury hotels as they add interest and depth to a space," says Roselind. "Layers of contrasting texture on a bed provide a sense of opulence, as do cushions in luxurious fabrics combined with plush faux fur throws."

Add hotel chic to your bedroom by creating contrasting textural layers which help bring a design scheme together, while adding warmth, depth and character. Combining rough and smooth finishes such as leather, woven fabrics



and metallics can completely transform a space and help create a truly individual look. "In our experience," says Roselind, "it's the tactile elements in a room such as a chunky woven rug or a luxurious velvet cushion which are the ones that make the greatest impact."

Layered Lighting

We all know that lighting is an essential part of creating that luxury hotel room experience. After all, when you're in a hotel bathroom in which the lighting really works you certainly know about it – nothing lifts the spirits like looking your best as you're getting ready!

For the bathroom of Roselind Wilson Design's Eaton Mews North project, the team placed great emphasis on the lighting scheme and the way in which it was controlled. "The circuits were split to allow the spotlights to be operated separately from the wall lights and under-counter lights,"



says Roselind. "And wall lights were introduced to provide task lighting for applying make-up or shaving."

Lighting is also important in terms of setting the mood and feel of an interior scheme. "This is especially important in hospitality design in which beautiful hotel rooms create mood and atmosphere through a carefully considered layered lighting scheme," says Roselind. "Ambient lighting can really help recreate that hotel feel. To get it right, you should focus on two things: what the light fixture looks like and the effect you want the light to achieve. Lights that can adjust and dim are ideal for the sleeping area, whereas a bright table lamp is perfect for a desk area."

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3 Top Tips for bringing hotel style into a bathroom

1) Make some space

"Part of the appeal of a luxury hotel bathroom is that sense of space," says Roselind. "A large, generous bathroom will always feel more luxurious, so make sure you allocate as much square footage as you possibly can to your bathroom to create a feeling of space and luxury."

2) Go for luxury

"Opt for an indulgent, freestanding bath for the ultimate in relaxing soaks," says Roselind, "and make sure you include his-and-hers basins to add a touch of hotel glamour."

3) High tech solutions

"Give your bathroom that hotel feel with embedded speakers and Bluetooth so that you can listen to your favourite music and podcasts while in the bath or shower," says Roselind. "It's also worth thinking about other high-tech options such as smart glass' shower enclosures and room dividers that can turn from clear to frosted at the touch of a button."