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# ONE *Living Room* THREE WAYS

## EASY GLAM WITH A PURPLE WALL



Play up the elegance of a deep aubergine wall with complementary shades of gray and plum. Factor in luxurious textures that you can't help wanting to touch, such as velvet cushions, a cashmere throw, and a cowhide area rug—along with spare, black-and-white nature prints on the wall—and you've got a room that's as refined as it is relaxed.

Delicious Plum paint, Glidden, from \$19/gallon; at Home Depot. Photographs mounted on Plexiglas: *The Search* (left) and *Resurrection*, by Elena Lyakir, \$2,600 each; [elenalyakir.com](http://elenalyakir.com). Velvet pillow in Elizabethan red, Canvas Home, \$74; [shop.canvashomestore.com](http://shop.canvashomestore.com). Alpaca and wool Noe throw in plum, Sefteliving, \$395; [sefteliving.com](http://sefteliving.com). Cowhide Flower rug in white, the Rug Company, \$3,456/6' x 9'; 800-644-3963. Nickel Chico table with mirrored tiers, Worlds Away, \$745; [worlds-away.com](http://worlds-away.com). Bougie d'Apothicaire candle, Mad et Len, \$108; [flairhomecollection.com](http://flairhomecollection.com). Bromley table lamp, Currey & Company, \$240; 877-768-6428 for stores.

**IN EVERY ROOM** Taryn sofa, Lillian August, \$1,798; [lillianaugust.com](http://lillianaugust.com) for stores.



## HOW TO DECORATE WITH INTIMIDATING COLOR

To ease the fear factor of working with bold hues, **confine them to auxiliary pieces**, such as lamps, vases, and floor coverings. When in doubt, keep brights grounded by combining them with neutrals—say, slate gray or chocolate brown. “Chartreuse is particularly tricky,” admits color consultant and rug designer Alicia Keshishian. “It’s acidic and brassy.”

Her advice: **Pair it with shades in the same family** (yellows and greens, for example, as in this mod bedroom, right, designed by Amy Lau) to create a sense of harmony. “Purple is another tough color to work with,” she says. “Use it with blue for a soothing mood, or create sizzle by mixing it with red.”



## OPULENT WARMTH WITH A BROWN WALL



“The combination of deep chocolate brown and tangerine feels timeless, rich, and sexy,” says New York designer Amanda Nisbett. She’s not kidding. The vivid throw and book (an inexpensive way to inject color!) offset the dark wall and make the room come alive. Providing even more swank: posh-looking pieces, such as leather-wrapped mirrors, a horn picture frame, and fur throw pillows.

2108-30 Brown Horse paint, Benjamin Moore, from \$35/gallon; [benjaminmoore.com](http://benjaminmoore.com) for stores. Round leather mirror, Jamie Young, \$415/16"; [jamiyoung.com](http://jamiyoung.com) for stores. Faux-fur pillow in Coyote, Donna Salyers' Fabulous Furs, \$49/18" square; [fabulousfurs.com](http://fabulousfurs.com). Alpaca throw in Firecracker Orange, Alicia Adams Alpaca, \$400; [aliciaadamsalpaca.com](http://aliciaadamsalpaca.com). Wool Morocco rug in Henna, Thomas O'Brien for Safavieh, \$2,376/6' x 9'; [safaviehome.com](http://safaviehome.com). Steel and travertine Per Se end table, Lillian August, \$998; [lillianaugust.com](http://lillianaugust.com) for stores. *Painting Abstraction: New Images in Abstract Painting*, by Robert Nicklas, \$75; [phaidon.com](http://phaidon.com). Horn frame, Roost, \$46; 203-972-8166. Hobbes table lamp, Robert Abbey, \$288; [lumens.com](http://lumens.com).