



a touch of DRAMA

Something tightly coherent, often referred to as a 'vignette' in interior-speak, or a strong or unexpected item can make a dramatic interior statement.

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The 'wow' factor in a property often comes from a bit of interior drama. Apart from the use of a dramatic wallpaper or paint colour, items or groups of items can really make a statement. Be cautious though not to overdo it. Severe drama can be eye-candy in a show house for example, but very tiresome in a real 'living' interior. Unfortunately, many property owners having 'overdone it' resort to a rethink and ultimately costly make over once the infatuation fades. Here are a few examples where drama in room sets have the right balance between 'wow' and liveability'.



1. Just one feature wall was painted in red to set the pace for this eclectic room, adding a touch of drama.

2. The vignette, featured here, shows drama in a dining area. On a small wall using tightly coherent pieces, a dark console is laid with tall taupe buffet lamps, a very sizeable charger plate on a stand, and is further dramatized by a grand feature mirror. In the foreground the dark dining table is again tightly accessorized to match. Although the taupe colour way is blanché, the drama comes from large-scale items and grouping.

3. Carved and set with jewels these substantial Burmese Angels, sat on mirrored plinths, are totally unexpected and beautifully flank a large piece of contemporary art to create a dramatic wall setting.

4. In a simple light wood hall, the contrasting use of dark wenge creates an impact and richness. A large dark wenge full height bookcase, used for object d'art, with large scale matching mirror sit along side a quirky run of three unusual topiary balls in wenge textured planters.

5. An octagonal gilt-framed bevelled mirror with inlay creates drama on a 'quiet' wall and not only creates a greater feeling of space, but also reflects the beautiful view outside.

6. A huge piece of art, like the massive block oil painting on canvass pictured here, was used to great effect on the wall of this treble height stairway. Albeit simple, it's sheer size and sharp colour way creates drama.



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