



## Janet Lee

**DAY JOB** Color adviser and stylist whose small-space decor book, *Living In a Nutshell*, is now out in paperback (\$16.99, Harper Design).

**SO MANY SHADES** "Neutral color doesn't mean neutral personality," Janet says. Varying shades in the same family creates pizzazz—especially in a small space. "Put oyster and butter with shades of caramel, and the look is so sophisticated," she says.

**LAYERED LOOK** Textures make the palette dynamic. Bring in linen, burlap, silk, and sisal, then add metallics like gold and silver and mirrors.

**SHAPE SHIFTING** "Mixing and matching patterns helps neutrals come alive," Janet says. Floral bedding, damask wallpaper, and geometrics on pillows build coziness and character, even in featureless boxes.

**ALL-TIME WINNER** "It's an effort to commit to painting a room," she says. "You won't tire of a neutral palette too quickly." ■

"Everything goes with camel brown. It's like decorating with the little black dress. This palette can feel modern or classic. It's very flexible."

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### RUG

As you walk on this woven rug, the leather becomes even more soft and supple. Scrap Leather Rug, \$169; [vivaterra.com](http://vivaterra.com)

### VASES

Charming colored metal vases casually show off fistfuls of mums or wooden spoons. Socker Vases, \$14.99 for two; [ikea.com](http://ikea.com)

### OTTOMAN

The exotic pattern on this footrest/coffee table sparks conversation. Sudan Fabric Cocktail Ottoman in Camel, \$281.27; [wayfair.com](http://wayfair.com)



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