



■ With a flair for all things fashionable and glamorous, Erinn Valencich is an expert in interior design, cooking and entertaining. Her television shows have showcased her innovation and ability to cross over into multiple genres, including gardening. Next year, she'll host several one-hour specials for HGTV, including "Fantasy Wedding in a Week" and "Light It Up!"

For her interior design projects such as this small bedroom, Valencich may create an entire room using a piece of clothing or colors in a painting as a springboard. "The inspiration for this room was actually taken from a Ralph Lauren photograph. My client is young and vibrant and wanted to do something really fun but sophisticated," says the designer. "We loved the black and white palette, but adding the chartreuse wall really made it pop."

Valencich designed the dressing table and bed. "The client wanted a four-poster bed, but we streamlined it to make it more modern. I outlined the dressing table with white lines to give it a vintage menswear effect and dressed it up with glamorous vintage knobs from Liz's Antique Hardware," she says. "I love to re-make old wingback chairs. This one I found and re-covered in vintage silk fabric and painted the legs black."

The main challenge, she says, was "getting the right color on the walls! Chartreuse can either work or look awful, so we went through a few different shades and ended up custom-mixing this color. I only painted two walls, and left two of them white so that it was not overwhelming."

- Laurie McLaughlin