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BETH WHITLINGER INTERIOR DESIGN

I don't like decoration for decoration's sake," says Trabuco Canyon-based designer Beth Whitlinger. "I like to take a simplified approach toward any style that a client has. I have an architectural viewpoint. Anything we add has to enhance a form, a line or a texture."

This goes for designs in her own house as well, especially in her guest room. Using deep, soothing tones, Whitlinger eschewed a lot of pattern. Instead, she enjoyed selecting textural fabrics: a faux mink throw, cotton velvet, a distressed leather chair, a textured tone-on-tone brocade

duvet cover. Just as she likes to design around clients' favorite objects so that their homes remain personal and don't come out looking like a model home, she designed this room partially around objects she and her husband had collected from their travels: pieces of African art and postcards they bought in Rome among them.

The effect not only pleases her, but also her frequent visitors, who find the room even more comfortable than a hotel. Since Whitlinger strives for function and believes form should speak for itself, it's no wonder she considers this a job well done.

