

# 10 pillow arrangements our stylists want you to know about

Style your pillow arrangements for a chic and cozy aesthetic – the expert way

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Having a solid set of pillow arrangements in your styling arsenal can help you transform a room, creating atmosphere, coziness and that feet-up-and-flop feel – while also being designer-smart. But how to style pillows to get that chic, luxe yet lived-in look?

Answer: with our pillow styling rules. They can guide you to create comfort with a high-end aesthetic. Pillows are an easy way to give a space a mini makeover, and can be easily changed to match the seasons or your shifting tastes, too.

A good place to start is to remember not to be too matchy-matchy; work with different shades or complementary colors, and differing shapes and sizes for a cohesive look that has dimension. We have a host of experts on-hand to talk us through how to style your pillow arrangements to perfection – below.

## 4. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE LOVELINESS OF A LUMBAR



If you want to keep it simple, adding a lumbar to larger back pillows, whether on your bed or sofa, is an easy way to create visual interest and dimension.

Kirsten says: 'Sometimes simple is better. One long lumbar on a sofa can be just as impactful as a pillow arrangement with multiple pillows.'

And Brianne Bishop of [Brianne Bishop Design](#), says: 'Your bed does not need 100 fussy pillows to deal with everyday. For decoration we simply use one long lumbar accent.' Use a striped lumbar pillow to add interest to a sectional sofa or bed – or choose a beautiful print to add texture and interest.

## 5. THINK IN THREES



(Image credit: Future/Dominic Blackmore)

Three is often the magic number when it comes to styling. And Brianne Bishop says this golden rule can be applied to create chic pillow styling, too. She says: 'Think in threes! We like to start with three big, solid and grounding pillows, two decorative accents layered and then potentially a small fun one with either tassels, or fur or something unexpected.'

See: [Rule of three](#) – 10 ways interior designers use this magic number in their schemes

On the bed, two square layer pillows and a rectangular one at the front adds interest.

## 6. DO THE PILLOW KARATE CHOP



(image credit: Kit Kemp Collection- Andrew Martin)

'Yes, karate chop your pillow to get that perfect look,' says Brianne Bishop. A little indent in the top middle space creates a refined finish.

## 7. ADD A TAILORED TRIM



(image credit: Future)

Don't forget trim as an opportunity to make the pillow unique, says Brianne Bishop, explaining that 'contrasting welts add definition and a tailored look to any pillow'.

It's also a good way to add cohesion to a color scheme, as seen in the above room where the black bobble trim picks out the greys and blacks elsewhere in the room.

See: [Living room ideas](#) – clever ways to decorate living spaces