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3. Paint an accent wall

Cost: \$31 for one gallon of Valspar Signature Colors Interior Latex Semi-Gloss paint from [Lowe's](#)

Painting one wall a different color than the rest gives the whole room new perspective. "It's basically forcing eyeballs to go where you want them," says Scott Thomas, co-owner of Thomas-Somero Design in Hollywood, Calif. You might pick an oddly-shaped wall to show off the room's unique architecture, or one that will draw attention to a prized piece of furniture.

Choosing the right color is equally important, says Sam Jernigan, owner of Renaissance Design Consultations in Grass Valley, Calif. She suggests rich colors -- essentially, anything with a hint of black in its formula -- rather than something bright. Look for one that works with hues already in the room, whether it matches your sofa or a less-used color in the design of your throw pillows.

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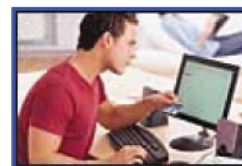
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