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'We don't consider vignettes to be just about accessorizing small spaces. It can be an entire floor-to-ceiling effort. Examples are tucking stools under a console table for extra seating, accent lighting considerations, mirrors and art,' adds Caroline Brackett, principal designer of South Carolina-based Caroline Brackett Studio of Design.

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### 4. START WITH A TRAY AND LAYER



(Image credit: Caroline Brackett Studio of Design)

Trays also serve as worthy foundations for stunning vignettes – organizational tools that are also visually pleasing, they pull the whole look together. Caroline says this trick is a classic, and works with a wide array of decorative accessories. Pick out a tray that matches your home's aesthetic, and layer on items you love.

'This works beautifully on coffee tables, side tables, or even a kitchen counter. Of course, you start with a tray – wood, metal, acrylic, stone or woven – and add any of the following: a stack of stylish and colorful books, a small vase or interesting pitcher with flowers or greenery, a sculptural bowl or object, and a candle or diffuser,' says Caroline.

The most beautiful homes are full of meaningful, storied items that spark joy, and vignettes are the perfect places to introduce your favorite finds. Caroline says that 'vintage black and white photographs in sterling or silver-plated frames, family heirlooms and antique objects' as well as 'stacked historical or leather-bound books' 'create a sense of history' and contribute to this collected, eclectic final product.

'Reflect your personality – a vignette should feel like you. Infuse it with colors you love, meaningful objects, and a unique sense of style,' she says.

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### 10. DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE BACKDROP

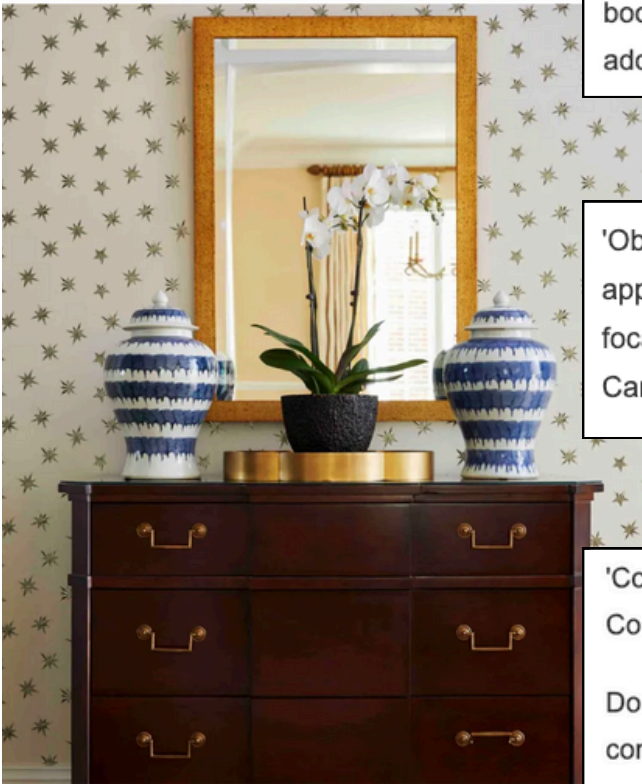


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'You can make quite a visual impact with a single color palette by mixing up textures and materials for interest. Consider all-white ceramic pieces of different shapes and sizes or go the blue-and-white route with beautiful chinoiserie ginger jars. We are fans of monochromatic paper-covered books – [Juniper Custom Books](#) is a great source for books by the foot,' adds Caroline.

'Objects grouped in odd numbers (usually threes) tend to be visually appealing. Imagine dividing your display space into a grid and place your focal point at one of the intersections for balanced composition,' says Caroline.

'Consider the backdrop – the wall of surface behind your vignette matters! Consider a contrasting color or texture or pattern,' says Caroline.

Don't forget that the color or pattern of your vignette's background will come into play just as much as the accessories it's composed of. Pick out a complementary color, or get experimental with pattern, to level-up the entire look.

In this vignette, designed by Caroline Brackett Studio of Design, a vintage console table topped with stately vases and an orchid are grounded by a large mirror and star-studded wallpaper. Contributing to the overall color scheme and adding visual interest, the wallpaper plays a large role in this vignette design.