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This Bohemian Bedroom Went from Cavernous to Cozy

DAG Design and Patina joined forces to jazz up the Charlestown space.

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When a creative, color-loving couple hired Cara Fineman of DAG Design to overhaul their home in Charlestown, one priority was to transform their blank canvas of a bedroom—a cavernous space with bare white walls and a 14-foot ceiling. “The key was finding things that would make this space not feel so enormous,” Fineman observes.

She and her clients, a jazz musician and a super-artsy stay-at-home mom, set out to bring the bedroom down to size. To suit the room’s scale, they opted for a big channeled headboard and heavy drapes, both custom-made by Makkas Drapery Workroom. Color was crucial, too. First, they decided on a deep, dramatic hue—Farrow & Ball’s “Hague Blue”—for the walls. “I think the dark [tone] made this enormous space feel a bit cozier,” Fineman says.

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Next, they discussed the possibility of wallpapering the ceiling. The clients found a bright floral design they loved, but the print was too small and busy for the space. So Fineman reached out to Patina's Pauline Curtiss, a RISD-trained artist who specializes in decorative painting. "I designed a new pattern with that sort of flair in mind. I made it way bigger, picked some new colors, and did a metallic background with a warm silver glaze," Curtiss explains. "It's like an ethereal pond effect, where the flowers are sort of floating on the surface." She shifted the layers of paint slightly to evoke a sense of movement, making each hand-stenciled flower a little different from the next. "My background comes from fine art, so I'm totally inspired by printmaking and things that are painterly and handmade," Curtiss adds.

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really did not shy away from pattern or color,” Fineman says of the homeowners. “I’m definitely attracted to a bohemian style, which was a great fit with these clients, who also really like that eclectic mix of different patterns and textures. It’s a really fun space.”



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