



“Throw pillows are like jewelry for a sofa.”

DESIGNER JESSICA DAURAY

Cozy Cottage

This look is all about rumpled comfort and a pleasing jumble. Drape a sturdy quilt or bedspread over the back and seat for an instant face-lift, then start the layering. Mix pillow patterns, colors, and sizes for a mismatched effect. Here, shades of cream and linen are perked up with accents in shades of red and pink plus just enough brown to

tie the group back to the quilt. The cross-stitch pattern helps blend the variety of designs.

Floral squares, Cath Kidston; cathkidston.com. Brown-and-white botanical, Les Indiennes; lesindiennes.com. Vintage linen, ABC Carpet and Home; abchome.com.

BHG TIP

Don't overcrowd. Go for overlapping layers, but you should be able to sit without moving all the pillows first.



Upbeat Modern

Want a playful, modern scene? Gravitate to pillows with graphic patterns and interesting shapes, and leave some space around to show them off. “The shape of pillows is more important on a transitional or modern sofa,” says designer Jessica Dauray. This mix of shapes creates a skyline of sorts, adding interest to the plain sofa with a dramatic brown-

and-white floral pattern, skinny lumbar pillow covered in orange dots, and a sweet round cushion embroidered with a sketch of a bird.

Throw, jonathanadler.com. Orange dots, habeleconstruction.com. Bird, K-Studio; and floral, Thomas Paul; 2modern.com.

TOSS UP

Greensboro designer Jessica Dauray is a big fan of throw pillows. Here are her tips:

- For a traditional sofa, avoid using the same fabric for the pillows as on the sofa. Instead, pull together fabrics from the room, tying in all the colors and completing the design picture.
- Vary size and shape of pillows.
- Use trims, contrast welts, and bold fabrics to add character.
- For a modern sofa, use contrasting shapes and fewer embellishments.
- Pillows are a great way to have fun on a budget. You can buy 1 yard of amazing fabric and create an individual look.

BHG TIP

Match a paint chip to your pillows or sofa fabric, and carry it with you when shopping for fabrics and ready-made pillows.