

## How-To - Hotel Style



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### Hotel style: Hutton Hotel

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**This Nashville hotel offers guests an intimate and exclusive experience.**

#### The hotel

Located in West End Nashville, next to the prestigious Vanderbilt College, the Hutton Hotel is Music City's first independent boutique hotel and a member of the Leading Hotels of the World. It's just a short drive from downtown and Nashville's vibrant music, entertainment and shopping district. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle service by way of an environmentally friendly hybrid vehicle.

Opened in February 2009, the 248-room hotel mimics Nashville's warm, welcoming ambiance while offering guests an intimate and exclusive experience. Chestnut hued bamboo plank walls line the relaxed yet sophisticated lobby that features two intimate reservation desks, a gallery of work by local artists and a six-foot-tall metal horse named Hut, designed by LA sculptor Malcolm Susman.

Built to accommodate visiting musical talent, business executives and leisure travelers, the Hutton's stylish hotel rooms and 52 spacious suites each feature a high-tech media hub that makes it possible to project a laptop onto the flat screen television and sync an iPod to the accompanying sound-system.

Principal designer, Dayna Lee, of Los Angeles' Powerstrip Studio says The Hutton's rooms were designed to evoke a sense of residential comfort. To help accomplish this, the design team installed a fully equipped espresso bar on every floor where guests are encouraged to make their own lattes and cappuccinos.

"We understand that our guests need to feel productive yet relaxed and we've created the hotel accordingly," says Dayna.

#### The look

This room (pictured above) draws you in, with its warm colour palette (deep reds, oranges, off-whites and chocolate browns), light-hearted floral prints and arty Nashville flair. Although much of the room was designed with LEED certification standards in mind (LED lighting, custom bamboo furnishings, dual-flush toilets), the designers avoided the scarcity often associated with "green living" and opted instead for rich tones and plush furnishings.

"We chose to work with whole, sustainable fabrics such as cottons and wools," says

Dayna. "And, the drapery, carpets and bed-throws are all woven from recycled materials." This room is meant to convey luxury while also considering the practical needs of guests, including excess power outlets and [clutter-free desk space](#). The plush velvet club chair by the window (made from recycled content) creates a quiet reading corner where guests can enjoy a cappuccino or a glass of wine.

### **The inspiration**

"The design intent exudes a quiet strength, a sense of camaraderie and a sophisticated earthiness," says Dayna, "with the most important element in the design process being authenticity."

"I find that the artists and musicians who visit Nashville are coming to do authentic, creative work and when they return to their room we want them to say, 'Ah... I have found my place to be quiet and feel at home!'"