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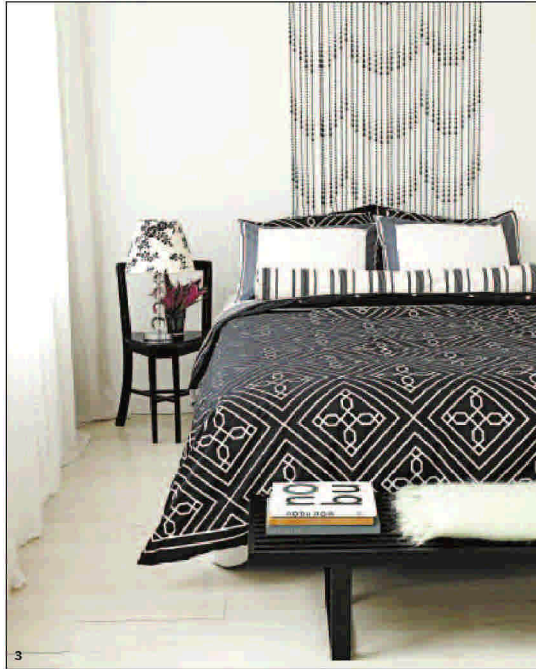
HELLO, GOOD BUYS

## No bed, no problem



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Photo from "The Nest Home Design Handbook"



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Mattress/bare wall combo got you down?  
 Try one of the simple bed-defining ideas we found.

**1. MANTEL PEACE**

We liked the quiet elegance of this non-bed featured in the May issue of Coastal Living magazine. A damaged mantel was reinvented as a headboard. The shirred, French-looking Essex bed linens are from Horchow, [horchow.com](http://horchow.com).

**2. BLOCK PARTY**

How to get a hip, contemporary bed without the hip, platform setup: bed linens with a graphic pattern; a couple bold, graphic toss pillows; an artsy, graphic "headboard" that doesn't disturb the low-profile of the bed. Note these chocolate brown and moss green canvas squares mounted in grid formation on the wall behind the bed. Seen in "The Nest Home Design Handbook" (Clarkson Potter/Publishers, 192 pages, \$22.95).

**3. BEAD IT**

A long beaded curtain hung from the back wall adds instant drama, lots of height and the feeling of big, important bed. Another way to get this look? Paint or wall decals. From The Nest Home Design Handbook."

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