

## **ENJOY SUMMER SIZZLE OF OUTDOOR SPACES**



GO SMALL WITH BIG IDEAS
 HEALTHY HABITATS
 ROOMS WITH '70s VIBES

## **EXPRESS YOUR SHELF**

Let shelving showcase your personal vibe

hether a mantel, singular floating plank or on a bookcase, shelves can say a lot about who you are.

"The items displayed show your personality and your history," says Kari Roundy, design consultant and owner of Atmospheres in Houston. "They can show if you've traveled, if you're a collector and if you're a reader."

Damian Tuggey, principal designer and owner at Tuggey Interior Design in San Diego, says there are myriad ways to personalize the space, and you always have the flexibility to switch it up to suit your mood or theme. "Have fun with it," she says. "You can't really make a mistake when accessorizing a shelf in your home because you can keep changing it until you are happy. There is nothing wrong with trial and error."

When decorating shelves for clients, Roundy selects items she feels express the homeowner's personality, such as eclectic, modern or traditional.



INTERIOR
DESIGNER
DAMIAN
TUGGEY'S
TIPS FOR
WALL UNIT
SHELVES:

1 Use an odd number of items

2 Offset asymmetric placement or center symmetric placement of items

3 Mix personal framed photos with decorative items and a few books

Less is more
never
overload a shelf

Layer visual interest: Stack a few books with an item on top or put items in a basket





**MODERN MANTEL**Glamorous and sophisticated



**TRADITIONAL MANTEL**Classic arrangements with a twist