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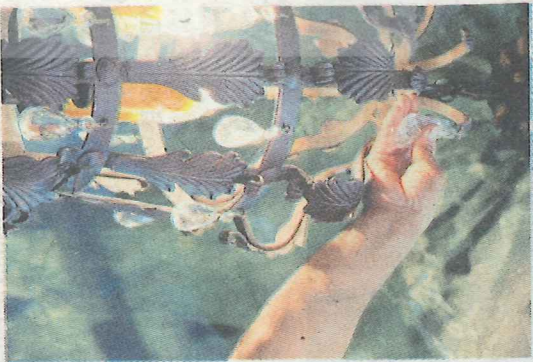
Add a little bling to your home with crystals

By Tracy Hobson Lehmann

Donna Moss lights up spaces in a literal way, adding glimmering baubles and shimmering paint that catch the light and capture the imagination.

The Dallas-area decorator and shop owner, who will speak today and Sunday at the San Antonio Home & Garden Show at the Alamodome, took a break from filming episodes of her second season of HGTV's *Donna Decorates Dallas* to talk bling.

Q: How do you achieve your signature Hill Country



Donna Moss believes in adding bling, especially crystals, to the home. HGTV

meets Hollywood look?

A: We use lots of faux fur and feathers and animal prints, and a lot of tufted furniture. We sew in or glue in jewelry. It's a less-expensive way to get a really high-end look, and I always think about budget. Even if it's a high-end home, you want to get as much bang for the buck as you can.

Q: What's another way to stretch the budget?

A: Use big objects in small rooms, then you can put a lot less in a room. If you use a big headboard, you don't have to

put a picture in the room. If it's big and grand and opulent, you don't need a lot of other things. As an example, use one huge pillow instead of five or six pillows.

Using large furniture in a room makes the room look bigger, too. It's more streamlined and elegant.

Q: As the self-proclaimed Queen of Bling, you use a lot of crystals. What are some unusual ways to incorporate them?

A: It's almost like a toy, what we can do with the crystals

today.

I like to drape necklaces down panels of draperies to give them that added touch of sparkle when the light hits them.

You can paint crystals with silver leaf or gold leaf and change the whole dynamic of them. I recently put green ones in a chandelier to look like leaves.

In my store (That's Haute in Bedford), we sell magnet crystals. You can attach them to anything metal, everything from a candleholder to a lamp

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to a staircase. You can take a drab chandelier and attach 10 to 12 crystals to it for a new look.

Q: How do you work with color in rooms?

A: Using a pop of color is so dramatic in the room. I try to incorporate a lot of design in the ceilings. If you have color in the ceiling, your eye is drawn up and then around the room. Pillows are another place we like to add color.

Q: Do you have favorite color combinations?

A: This year I seem to be focusing on the sunset colors because they are warm, and they are soothing. Mixing

the oranges with turquoise really gives you the wow factor.

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Donna Moss

San Antonio Home & Garden Show

What: Gather ideas and inspiration for projects to refresh your home inside and out.

When: Continues 10 a.m.-8 p.m. today, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

Where: Alamodome
Admission: \$4-\$9; no charge for 16 and younger

Special events: Donna Moss, host of HGTV's *Donna Decorates Dallas*, will speak at 1 and 4 p.m. today and 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Bob Guiney of *Showhouse Showdown* on HGTV will be onstage at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. today and 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sunday.

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