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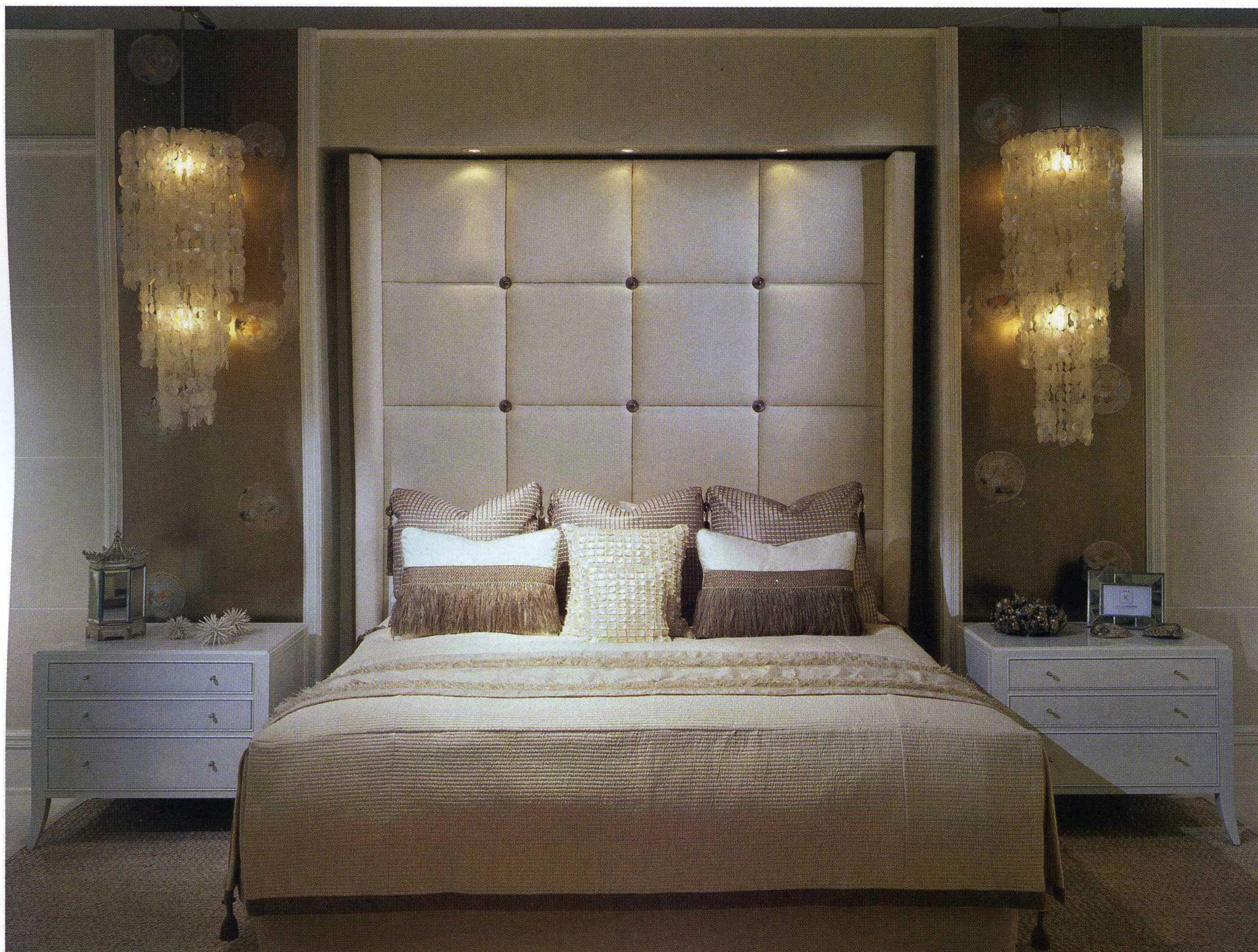
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KIRA KRÜMM INTERIOR DESIGN

Balancing Bold with Tranquil

EAST ASIAN INFLUENCES ARE FINDING THEIR WAY INTO TODAY'S GULFSHORE HOME DESIGN.

WESTERN LIFESTYLES, BY design, operate with more active Yang than passive Yin. On a daily basis, we take in lots of brilliant colors, piercing sounds and dazzling lights. Of course, the Gulfshore is not quite the disco that is Miami, yet we still operate with imbalance when we step outside our homes.

To counter this, Naples interior designer Kira Krümm has been

applying East Asian principles to her clients' homes. "The Eastern philosophies encourage tranquility, balance and harmony, which relate both to aesthetics and emotional perception of space," she says.

The East is not just providing us with philosophies, but incredible artisans as well. Silk paintings and screens, handmade rugs, and dark wood and bamboo furniture are all ways to incorporate the Asian influences. Krümm suggests combining them with Western aesthetics to achieve an international look.

▲ **When White is Right**

Inspired by the renaissance she observed in the exotic city, Kira Krümm's Shanghai Room design exemplifies a Yin and Yang approach to space. Soft shades of white are contrasted with metallic, while geometric shapes emphasize balance and repetition. The materials reflect both clean architectural lines as well as the organic. The bedding, headboard, light fixtures, artwork and mirrors originated from the Kira Krümm Interior Design at the International Design Center, Estero.