



Everything in designer Devon Tobin's entryway—a Chesterfield Leather cowhide rug, vintage Denver photograph, laser-cut-plywood console—fits the narrow space to a T.

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Design Secret: Great style starts with the right scale.

This smart entryway, which sets the scene for designer (and **Duet Design Group** co-owner) Devon Tobin's Virginia Village home, centers on a basic—but important—design idea: Every object must be just the right size. The curvaceous console, which Tobin's husband built at architecture school, is just six inches deep: broad enough to be a stop-and-drop zone for keys and daily essentials and slender enough to fit the narrow space. The mid-sized vintage photo of Union Station, a wedding gift from Tobin's brother, leaves “breathing room” on the wall, she says. The two small “lipstick mirrors” (perfect for last-minute touch-ups on the way out the door) don't distract from the main vignette. And the very-Western cowhide rug—Tobin's go-to for entryways of all kinds—stands up to mucky snow boots and kids' shoes. “I don't want people to walk in and feel like they have to take their shoes off,” she says—no-fuss Colorado style at its finest.



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