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Media Glitz

"A media room should look like a living room with ample seating, but it should never be too matchy-matchy," counsels designer Ryan Brown, who recently created a non-traditional, three-level home-theater space for a contemporary Hollywood Hills house designed by architect Paul McClean. Brown, who worked with developer Brad Kuish on the project, says that the priority when creating a space to enjoy the latest blockbuster is in comfort. "Seating has to be ample, and armchairs should ideally swivel," he says. When it comes to scoring the perfect example, Brown finds himself returning to the same piece over and over again—the Metropolitan armchair from B&B Italia. "It has everything you want—a headrest, a kidney pillow, and a matching ottoman. It's like a modern La-Z-Boy," explains the designer,

who chose a cream-colored leather to cover the pieces. He paired the armchairs with Harry sofas, also from B&B Italia. "People think a good-looking sofa can't be comfortable,

but they're wrong," he says. The Harry is an ample, down-filled creation covered in an ultrasoft cotton-and-linen blend. Brown also gave the room a custom-designed walnut credenza by Desert Imports to hide unsightly wires. His last word of advice has to do not with the Stewart film screen, Planar HD projector, or 7.1 surround-sound system, but with the floor: "Make sure you pick a carpet with good sound-

absorbing qualities," he says. "Go with a good plush wool—shag is just not sophisticated."

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