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#### 1. Paint.


#### 2-6. Create a seating area.


#### 7-9. Install a mural, elegant draperies and shutters.


#### 10-12. Add more lighting.


#### 13-14. A sturdy table with drawers can organize clutter.


#### 15-17. Add personality with accessories.

- Elizabeth Krial, Designer

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Long has a 20-by-7-foot sitting room next to her master bedroom "that has become an impossible design task," she writes in an e-mail. "I would like it to be a quiet nook for reading... [But] it's not working," she says. Although it has three windows, the narrow room doesn't have enough light. Long is also having difficulty arranging furniture. The area should include a place for napping and a space where her dog can look out the window.

Set a tranquil tone by adding a mural on one wall, adapted from a photograph. Organize books on a built-in bookcase. Balance heavy pieces against each other so the room appears symmetrical.

- Elizabeth Krial of Elizabeth Krial Design in Reston, 703-435-6262

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