



‘HGTV DESIGN STAR’ SEASON SEVEN EPISODE DESCRIPTIONS

Episode One: “Home Sweet Hollywood”

Airs Tuesday, May 29, at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Judge: Daisy Fuentes, entrepreneur and TV personality; Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip

The competition kicks-off as host and mentor David Bromstad gives the finalists their first challenge: to make over their new 7,000 sq. ft. living space. After being paired and assigned an area, each designer must incorporate a personal home décor item that they feel truly represents their design point of view. During the design process, David will check in on each team’s progress and offer advice along the way. Guest panelist, entrepreneur and TV personality, Daisy Fuentes, will join Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip to evaluate each finished space.

Episode Two: “All Aboard White Room Express”

Airs Tuesday, June 5, at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Judges: Vanilla Ice, host of DIY Network’s *The Vanilla Ice Project*, Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip

Upon entering Union Station, L.A.’s iconic art deco train station, the finalists discover the famous *HGTV Design Star* competition: the white room challenge. During the episode, each finalist must transform individual blank white rooms into customized spaces that showcase their vision and ingenuity. In addition, for the first time in the show’s history, the challenge will take place in a public area, where passersby will be able to view the designers’ progress. The finalists, who must display their creativity with materials found at a home and garden center, also must demonstrate how they repurpose an existing item and how viewers might adapt the concept at home. Pop icon turned real estate entrepreneur and remodeling expert Rob Van Winkle, aka Vanilla Ice, will join Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip in selecting which finalist achieved the most inventive design.

Episode Three: “Klassically Kardashian Design”

Airs Tuesday, June 12, at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Judges: Kardashian mom Kris Jenner, Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip

Kris Kardashian Jenner, the “mom-ager” of the superstar family famous for reality television, fashion and style, recently purchased a 30-year-old chiropractor’s office and wants to convert it into the new Jenner Communications headquarters. In this week’s episode, the finalists must bring new life to an outdated reception area, kitchen, office and conference room, as well as install a showroom for products. In addition, each finalist must showcase his or her individual design style while giving the Kardashians a new space that is stylish without being stuffy. Kris will join judges Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip to decide which duo designed the most successful space.

Episode Four: “Indoor/Outdoor Rooms”

Airs Tuesday, June 19, at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Judges: Sabrina Soto, host of HGTV’s *The High Low Project*, Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip

In this “indoor/outdoor” challenge, the finalists work with two neighboring homeowners to redesign a family room that connects to an adjacent outdoor space. The competitors team up to transform one of the four areas and work with the home’s other team to create a design that flows seamlessly between the indoor and outdoor spaces. Sabrina Soto, host of HGTV’s *The High Low Project*, along with Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip, review the spaces and select a winner based on which team has the most beautiful space. For the on-camera hosting challenge, each finalist must demonstrate their ability to bring the outdoors in or the indoors out by giving a clever design tip under \$100.

Episode Five: “Happy Birthday Hollywood Party”

Airs Tuesday, June 26, at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Judges: Marg Helgenberger, award-winning actress from *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip

To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Hollywood, the finalists work with the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to create several lounges for a star-studded party. Each lounge must be inspired by famous design styles of the past, such as Hollywood regency and art deco. For this week’s on-camera challenge, the finalists’ public-speaking skills are put to the test as each contestant will present their design concept to the party attendees. As one of the newest recipients of a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* star and Emmy award-winning actress Marg Helgenberger joins Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip to see which lounge shines the brightest.

Episode Six: “HGTV Magazine Kitchens”

Airs Tuesday, July 3, at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Judges: John Colaneri and Anthony Carrino, host of HGTV’s *Kitchen Cousins*, Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip

HGTV Magazine editor-in-chief Sara Peterson joins David to deliver this week’s challenge: the finalists must create ultimate designer kitchens. With a unique Kohler sink to serve as inspiration, the challenge will take place in a studio. Along with Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip, HGTV’s *Kitchen Cousins* John Colaneri and Anthony Carrino will determine whose kitchen is worthy to be featured in an upcoming issue of *HGTV Magazine*. In addition, each designer must deliver a tip related to home entertaining that would be fit for a spread in the magazine.

Episode Seven: “Colorful Condos on The Talk”

Airs Tuesday, July 10, at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Judges: Meg Caswell, winner *HGTV Design Star* season six, Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip

To demonstrate their colorful design skills, each finalist will be assigned a new condominium unit where they must create a living room design. The design must feature a bold color scheme that will appeal to prospective home buyers. Reigning *HGTV Design Star* winner Meg Caswell will join Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip to evaluate the spaces and select the best design. For the on-camera hosting challenge, the finalists will appear on CBS’s nationally

syndicated show, *The Talk*, to deliver color design tips alongside show hosts Julie Chen, Sara Gilbert, Sharon Osbourne, Aisha Tyler and Sheryl Underwood.

Episode Eight: “Yurt Last Chance”

Airs Tuesday, July 17, at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Judges: Mark Steines, *Entertainment Tonight* host, Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip

Creating innovative designs for unconventional spaces is a signature challenge for *HGTV Design Star*. This episode is all about Yurts—a modern adaptation of the ancient round shelters used for centuries by Central Asian nomads—which feature no right angles or flat walls. With help from HGTV and DIY Network carpenters Chip Wade (*HGTV’s Elbow Room* premieres on Saturday, May 12, at 1 p.m. ET/PT), Jeff Devlin (*I Hate My Bath*) and Joel West (*Design on a Dime*), the finalists must put their design ingenuity to the test to create a fantasy bedroom suite in the circular space. In addition to evaluating the inventive designs, judges Genevieve Gorder, Vern Yip and guest judge, Mark Steines, host of *Entertainment Tonight*, also review the finalists’ ability to interact with a co-host on-camera.

Episode Nine: “And the Design Star Is?”

Airs Tuesday, July 24, at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Judges: David Bromstad, winner of *HGTV Design Star* season one, Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip

In the series finale, the last two finalists will create the pilot episode of a dream design show that they think will get them the HGTV Design Star crown. The show concept must showcase their personality, design point of view and overall skills. And, the remaining finalists must create an amazing room for real homeowners. Along with Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip, original *HGTV Design Star* winner David Bromstad will review the shows and award the best designer the grand prize—a contract for his or her own show on HGTV.

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