

WHAT'S YOUR DECORATING STYLE?

Style solutions for modern, traditional and transitional

Words like “traditional” and “modern” are common language in the design world. But do you really know what those words mean, and how to apply them in your home? Define your decorating style using one of three popular design classifications: traditional, transitional and modern.

Modern

Modern style often gets a bad rap, as its clean, streamlined look can be misinterpreted as cold and uninviting. However, the style, which dates back to the 1930s, should be thought of as uncluttered, simplistic and welcoming. Modern spaces often incorporate uncomplicated neutral color palettes and tone-on-tone color schemes to allow the objects in the design to steal the spotlight. Some of the most recognizable characteristics of this style are polished surfaces, strong geometric shapes and asymmetry.

Chrome and stainless steel finishes add a touch of contemporary styling to furniture, fixtures and decorative pieces. To incorporate these finishes, along with the clean, smooth lines that are characteristic of modern styling into your kitchen, start by adding a modern faucet as your centerpiece. The Ascent™ faucet collection from [ShowHouse®](#) by [Moen®](#) has three undeniably modern [kitchen faucets](#) – a pulldown faucet, pullout faucet and bar/prep faucet – each with distinct styling and innovative features, such as a 360-degree spout rotation and multiple spray options.

Traditional

Traditional styles are most often thought of as comforting and classic, elegant and refined. Traditionally styled rooms feature warm, dark woods and sometimes have

intricate carvings. The lines of the furniture and accessories tend to have soft, gentle curves. Traditional rooms will generally use a mix of vertical lines with more restful horizontal lines, and fabrics usually consist of rich-textured floral, understated striping or solid colors.

There's no better room than the bathroom to feel cozy and inviting. To give yours a touch of traditional style, incorporate warm, mid-range colors, wooden accents and trim or molding to the space. Continue that warmth into the tub by installing the Waterhill® Roman tub faucet with optional hand shower from ShowHouse by Moen, featuring an elaborate traditional look, with detailed, classically styled handles and a high-arc spout that can swivel 180 degrees for additional room in the tub. For an added boost of traditional style, select an Old World finish, such as Oil Rubbed Bronze or Wrought Iron, and pull the look together with a matching lavatory faucet and accessories.

Transitional

Familiar and enduring, transitional style is a union of traditional and contemporary elements. Transitional design cannot be defined by a single archetype – it is in the here and now, but also maintains the warmth and comfort of the classic and familiar. The combination of natural wood finishes with smooth brushed metals is a staple of transitional design, and fabric choices range from geometric and graphic patterns to classic, textured solids.

The Divine™ kitchen collection from ShowHouse by Moen flawlessly transports transitional elements into the kitchen. With a nod to yesterday and an eye toward tomorrow, the Divine collection features a distinctive blend of soft curves and geometric lines, making it a perfect addition for your transitionally styled kitchen. The Divine kitchen faucet also features a single-lever handle for easy-to-use temperature and flow control and a pullout sprayer for added convenience.

Don't want to pin yourself down to just one decorating style? Eclectic design combines elements of modern, traditional and transitional styling, for a style that's all your own.

Defining your personal style preference helps to simplify home design. Once you settle on modern, traditional or transitional designs – or an eclectic combination of the three - you can create a home with beautifully coordinated décor.

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