

# CHIC DÉCOR

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## **Stylish by Design**

Designing a home can be a daunting task for many but sticking to a timeless design approach will give you the tools you need to set about transforming your space into a beautiful and serene place.

Stylish design will outlast trendy décor rendering it a more cost effective option. An elegantly decorated home is one that has been well planned and appointed using a number of design principles that are listed here to help you achieve this goal.

### **Cohesion**

One of the key factors in achieving a chic décor is cohesion. Nothing is more attractive and soothing to the eye than a home where the components of an interior (furniture, flooring, colour, etc.) relate to each other. This means choosing all décor elements, such as furniture, to harmonize and complement each other, so that there is a sense of continuity from room to room.

### **Scale**

This is particularly important when choosing furniture. Each piece should relate to the other in terms of scale and proportion. Scale, of course, refers to the relative size of one piece of furniture in relation to others that will be adjacent to it. The scale must be similar in order to achieve the most desirable effect.

### **Repetition**

Continuity in design creates a space that is integral with adjacent rooms, particularly on the main floor where the likelihood of viewing more than one room at once, is higher. Repeating the style of furniture, cabinetry, lighting, window treatments and colour into each of the adjoining rooms lends unity to the disparate rooms, creating flow and elegance. Distinction can then be achieved through the use of artwork, fabric, and accessories.

### **Colour**

The judicious use of colour is vital in a chic home. The key is to employ restful tones throughout the main areas as well as on soft furnishings. Accessories can then be added using either complementary or analogous tones, depending on the need for definition. Beware of using too many hues as this will create a chaotic interior, however, using very little colour will create a lifeless interior.

### **Line**

The majority of furniture pieces should have clean lines. Items with embellishments should be kept to a minimum and suit the context of the room. Similarly, a less is more philosophy is wise when purchasing items for a room. Overfilling a room with furniture or accessories only creates congestion and confusion as to the room's focal point.

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Keep the lines and embellishments simple and you will have a home that will reward you by being both timeless and beautiful, as well as the envy of your friends and neighbours.

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