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TIPS FOR CREATING COHESION AND FLOW

Struggling with eclectic décor you've inherited?



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Summer is winding down, and the mornings are crisp. Kids are either back in school or starting shortly. This might free up some time for you to evaluate your interior and tackle some projects. But before you purchase anything new, keep these tips in mind. From a throw pillow to a new kitchen, these tips will help you create a cohesive feel throughout your home and help make you look like a pro.

People ask me all the time, "What style do you have in your home?" Well, it's a mesh between what my husband likes and what I like. I'm eclectic. I love modern, rustic, and industrial farmhouse styles. My husband, on the other hand, prefers a more traditional style. Design Challenge Accepted.

You may have similar varying tastes in your household. Combining styles can be tricky. Creating cohesion with years of accumulated décor can be tricky. Your home should look and feel cohesive, not disjointed and discombobulated. Here are some helpful hints to create flow, cohesion, and a fluid, relaxing style throughout your home.

PAINT COLORS:

Interior paint colors should be limited to one specific color palette. Choose no more than 5-6 colors/shades to use throughout your home. You don't have to choose this many, but if you do, here's where this designer recommends placing your variations.

1. **Trim/Ceiling:** If painted, I typically like them the same color.
2. **Main House/ Great Room, Hallways Connecting Rooms:** Use one color.
3. **Powder Bath/Guest Bath:** Often different colors.
4. **Laundry Room:** This is a great place to add a pop of color. A cheerful color will make doing laundry a little less miserable!
5. **Master Bedroom/Bathroom:** Often this is a subtly different color, or a dramatic different.
6. **Guest Bedrooms/ Kids Room:** This is a great place to add a little variation.



The secret to making these colors work well together is selecting ONE color palette. (Designer Insight: The exterior paint color of your home should flow with the interior of your home. This is where some people make a big mistake. Exterior color doesn't need to be the same as the interior but should go with your interior style, especially if you're building a new home. This is where a designer can help you with the flow from curbside to coffee in the kitchen.)

Décor Style & Color:

Keeping style consistent throughout your home can be a tricky one for people. Whatever your style is, keep it consistent throughout your home.

Maybe you've inherited a mishmash of styles and aren't in a place for an overhaul. You can use what you have, and still create a cohesive feel, by choosing a color to highlight in your home. This is very often missed when people decorate but it makes such a huge difference!

It's important to have one color that pops up again and again in every room. The color can, and should, be used differently in each room. It can be highlighted in the paint or in the décor. For example, my color is teal blue. In every room of our home there is some form of blue. In some rooms it's the paint color, in others it's the area rug or bedding.

Utilizing these designer tips will help you to create or revitalize your space. Have fun utilizing these tips to create flow, cohesion, and a fluid, relaxing style for your home!