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TREND WATCH

While most people would group their individual tastes into either a traditional or contemporary category, there are some who are venturing into a style known as transitional. What is this popular growing trend? It is a marriage of contemporary and traditional under the chicest of circumstances. While contemporary lends itself to the clean and uncluttered spectrum, traditional most certainly speeds away in the opposite direction towards the hand carved and ornate. Transitional is the fork in the road for those who can appreciate a fine piece of furniture, but crave hip and fun color schemes.

To put it more simply will require a little background information on the specifics of several design styles. Unfortunately, the words modern and contemporary tend to be used interchangeably, but the two could not be more different from a design perspective. Modern is stark, cool and minimal but very chic. Contemporary is clean and stream lined yet comfortable. Traditional is classic and elegant while country is rustic, cozy and enhanced by collectibles.

The best word to describe transitional would have to be timeless. Unlike eclectic, which is a collection of anything and everything one fancies put into one space, a transitional space is pulled together by a cohesive color scheme and use of scale. Here are a few examples of how to create a transitional style in your home:

1. Surround a reclaimed or rustic looking dining table with Louis Ghost dining chairs.
2. Have your outdated, floral patterned wing back chairs re-upholstered with a vibrant hued leather like kelly green.

3. Re-cover a traditional, rolled arm sofa with a neutral solid and have the cushions and arms piped in a contrasting pop of color (ex: burlap tan upholstery piped in dark pink or chocolate brown).

4. Make something old new again. Basically, put contemporary fabrics on traditional pieces of furniture.

In the end, a transitional space will read as classy, hip, sophisticated and very comfortable. It sounds too good to be true, but it is only a phone call away. Let us know if you want to step out of yesterday and into tomorrow with a transitionally styled space in your home.



ASK THE DESIGNER

Get expert advice from the pros!

Q. I re-decorated my house about five years ago. I spent a large sum of money to do the job but I am already to the point of wanting to do it again. Is it too soon for another re-do? I cannot spend as much this time as I did before. Is there a way to do it a little cheaper?

Marcy of Marietta, GA

A. Don't fret. The average person does at least a moderate re-do of their home every six to eight years. If your home was decorated according to the current fad or trend five years ago, then that could be why it already feels outdated. It is easy to do a minimal makeover of your home as long as you have the right staples.

Just like skirts, slacks and jackets are the essentials of a wardrobe (and usually the most expensive) so are the draperies, furniture and area rugs of your home. The easiest way to update your home without breaking the bank is to ensure that your large ticket items are neutral and versatile. It is not suggested that you buy everything in tan, but it does help if you choose colors that work well with all colors; for example, brown, light blue, green, gold and gray tend to work with almost every color on the color wheel.

If your staple pieces are versatile, then it is only a matter of updating wall color, accessories, artwork and throw pillows to achieve a fresh new look. If, however, your staple pieces happen to be the problem, then consider having your furniture re-upholstered and possibly going for new window valances rather than floor length draperies to save on cost.

Do you have a question for the designers at Panoply? If so, then submit your enquiries to amanda@panoplyinc.com and your question could be featured in next quarters newsletter!



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FEATHER YOUR NEST!

Client Testimonial

Dear Panoply,

Many thanks for the afternoon you spent decorating our den. I love everything you did and get such pleasure out of being surrounded by the results. The bookcase has bothered me for years and now it looks fabulous as does the entire job. Thank you so very much.

Marcy of Newnan, GA



It is one thing to collect plastic, aluminum and glass around the house and set it out for the recycling truck to pick up, and quite another to design and decorate in an eco-friendly manner. However, there are lots of ways to update and freshen your home without increasing your carbon footprint or spending too much money.

Did you know that plastic blinds release toxins into your home? When the sun beats down on your home and your trusty blinds block the bright rays, a gas is released into the air that can be harmful over time. But what about blocking out the sun in order to reduce your energy bills? It's not a no win situation. Long drapery panels lined with a black out lining create the same effect but without the harmful gasses. With all of the organic cotton and bamboo fabrics available out there, you're sure to find a beautiful and affordable window solution.

If new furniture is on your agenda, consider alternatives to a trip to the land fill. Re-finishing a functional piece of furniture either with stain or paint is not as hard as it would seem. A quick trip to a home improvement store can make this an easy do-it-yourself project. If rolling up your sleeves isn't your preference, then consider calling a designer at Panoply. We have a wealth of resources and are sure to have someone to take care of your needs. If it's out with the old and in with the new, you should consider having a yard sale in order to finance some of your new pieces, or make a quick stop at your local donation center to discard your cast offs. Don't forget to hit the flea market for those one of a kind pieces. You might be surprised at what you can find.

As long as old things become new to you or others, and new things are made from renewable resources (a.k.a. bamboo that regenerates itself every couple of years), then you are on the right track. Want to share your green solutions with us? Submit your ideas and questions to amanda@panoplyinc.com today.

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TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

When buying new accessories, think about double duty. If you work with a designer, it is easy to have custom throw pillows made that are two-sided. Having a print on one side of a pillow and a solid or stripe on the other is a great alternative to buying new pillows every season. The same principle can be applied to window treatments and slipcovers for furniture and headboards. Simply reversing all of those versatile pieces can take your home from fall and winter to spring and summer like that!



Panoply Interior Design will be offering design seminars in the month of June. The course will be held every Monday night from 6-8pm beginning June 8th and will conclude on June 29th.

The course will include instruction for how to measure and draw a furniture floor plan for a room in your home. Attendees will also learn how to mix and match patterns, fabrics,

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accessories, artwork and how to place furniture. The course will conclude with a tour of some of our client's homes.

We have provided a sign-up sheet on our website at panoplyinc.com in the top right hand corner of the home page. Once you have submitted your sign-up sheet we will email you a materials list and course syllabus. The cost for this four week seminar is \$125 per person, payable prior to the start of the seminar.

Class size ranges from six to eight people. Due to the popularity of this seminar in the past, it may be necessary to have another seminar in the fall to accommodate all that are interested. Space is limited so contact us today to guarantee your spot.

