



Trend Alert: Why You Should Consider Adding Mid-Century Modern Style To Your Home

The mid-century modern look is here to stay – here's how to do it right.

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If you dream of low-slung sofas, tapered furniture legs and daring geometrics, you might be dreaming of mid-century modern style. The look is defined by its clean, simple lines; wood pieces with natural beauty; traditional furniture and simple but bold timelessness.

The mid-century modern style came into full swing in the 1950's and 60's and brought a more lived-in look to traditional modern styles. In 1998, The New York Times [announced](#) the trend's comeback, and it has remained all the rage since then. Tune into HGTV, and you'll hear plenty of couples requesting the look. Or, scroll through a mass retailer like CB2 or West Elm, and you'll immediately see every possible variation of the theme. The style is adaptable and

minimalistic – we pulled together a few pointers for getting your new mid-century modern room started:

Back to Basics

Keeping things uncluttered is the first step to creating a peaceful aesthetic. Mid-century modern is currently embracing simplicity with just a few pop-out pieces. Get the room started by cutting back on the things you don't need that also don't contribute to the look you're going for.

Colors

Choosing your color scheme early on is important, as it helps guide your furniture and décor selections. [FROY](#), a fantastic blog to follow for mid-century modern inspiration, recommends combining darker neutral tones with saturated accent colors to get that mid-century modern look.

“Remember to follow the usual interior design color picking tip, also called the 60-30-10 rule,” Liana Leahy of FROY says. “Your room colors should be 60 percent base color, 30 percent secondary color and 10 percent accent color. Avoid picking more than three to four colors.”

Don't Hide the Wood Detail

Subtle pieces and thoughtful craftsmanship are a lot of what makes mid-century modern style timeless. Although there are many materials that can be brought into a mid-century modern home, wood might be the most prominent of them all. Exposed wood brings nature's best decor inside the home – even if it's just the arms of a chair or a simple side table. Wood surfaces and details take the edge off of mid-century modern's sharp lines and instantly takes center stage in many pieces of furniture.

Bring Nature Inside

Speaking of wood, mid-century modern design first became iconic because it found a way to combine urban décor with natural materials, such as nature, earth-toned palettes and natural light. Along with a few wood elements, pull in some plants and chic terrariums to breathe life into your space.

Let There Be Light

Hit the thrift store or flea market and find vintage table lamps that will instantly add to any space.

“Mid-century floor lamps and table lamps feature either very straight, geometric lines or round, curved contour,” said Leahy. “The very contrasting shapes offer a very bold position for lighting in your room. Mostly made of finished metal, but sometimes with wood legs. A popular mid-century ceiling lamp design sees exposed bulbs on straight rods radiating out of a

center, though various options are available.”

While you're at the thrift store, you could also pick up a few additional low-profile pieces that add to the room's focal point. Embrace quintessential pieces like a unique lounge chair or an unusual coffee table.

Once you get started on your mid-century modern look with the above steps, the room will begin to come together naturally. Continue combing through your favorite [blogs](#) and [websites](#) for inspiration, and don't be afraid to try out pieces you never imagined you'd fall in love with before!