



designing ways

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Frequently new clients will tell me that the look they want is contemporary. This means different things to different people. For me, contemporary means "today." Our marketplace is bubbling with fresh design. So contemporary can be a group of modern furnishings. It can be modern with non-modern or it can be eclectic. For example, a 19th century bentwood used in a supergraphic room can look right at home. Contemporary is perhaps a state of mind, a way of being daring in shaping one's environment.

HERE'S HOW I gave a facelift in what my client called a contemporary look.

The house is in the modern idiom both inside and out. It has nine-foot ceilings, stark white walls and virtually nothing in the way of architectural detail.

The foyer has two guest closets with loured wood doors. Flooring is white ceramic tile. The living room or great room and dining room

carpeted in a berber, bone, oatmeal and cinnamon. With two youngsters in the house we decided to be very practical, but not to sacrifice a look for practicality. Guest closet doors were replaced with beveled mirror doors.

THE DINING room was the first we tackled. This 13-by-14 room has two long, narrow windows spaced between a six-foot wall. The windows face a ravine at the rear of the house. The clinical white walls gave way to a soft vanilla throughout the living-dining areas. Mini blinds to match the walls fit inside the windows to give a simple, uncluttered look.

A 46-by-80 rectangular table of travertine marble, which will seat up to 12, is luxurious and still practical. The perfect foil for the table are the Louis XV chairs of bleached oak with a white wash. The chairs are upholstered seat and back in bone ultra suede. A glass sideboard for company entertaining sits on the side wall. The

glass works perfectly here from the standpoint of being practical and giving an light, airy feeling. Two large Oriental vases sit on either end of the dining table. For lighting, a brass strip with inner lights follows the perimeter of the table. The total look is soft — like sinking into a marshmallow.

THE LIVING room, which is really the great room in that it has a dual purpose, is practical, but quite elegant. A custom-made entertainment center covers one wall. This houses a wet bar, television, VCR tapes and books. The material is an almond mica that resembles lacquer. Two buttery soft leather sofas form an L in front of the fireplace. Cafe au lait works perfectly as the color for the sofas.

A lounge chair and ottoman flank one side of the fireplace and are upholstered in a stie fabric of bone, almond and cinnamon. A flip top table in back of the sofa faces the fireplace and doubles as a desk, or with the top flipped, a table for extra dining service. A Louis XVI chair inherited from grandmother is refinished in a cinnamon shiny lacquer with upholstery

in colors used with a hint of drudgy green — a contemporary pattern on a silk and linen fabric.

The same fabric is used on the huge throw cushions on the sofas. Two crystal heron bird lamps face each other on the sofa table/desk with grandmother's chair facing the fireplace.

The two eight-foot doorways have verticals in the wall color with a suede look to the material.

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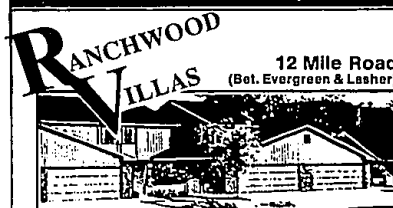
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