



The 5 Most Common Mistakes in Design

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1. Is your home cluttered and not relaxing?

Through life, we all tend to gather a lot of “stuff”. Too often, we tend to want to display it all – ALL at the same time. This creates a lot of eye noise in a room and makes the room uncomfortable. Instead of placing 12 of your favorite things on one shelf, try focusing on three and make it a focal point. Fewer things provide “empty space” for the human eye to rest and appreciate the rest of your room. We all live busy lives, and we want and yearn for our homes to be a place of rest. It starts with the philosophy that less is more. Stamp out eye noise.

2. Do you have to strain your neck to see the artwork?

Often I walk into homes, and I feel as though I've entered the land of the giants...the artwork is practically hung from the ceiling! Also, artwork should not be hung in the middle of the wall. Measuring the exact middle of the wall vertically and horizontally for hanging artwork is wrong. Artwork needs to be hung and tied to the furniture it hangs above. Or if the artwork does not hang above furniture it should be hung at eye level. As a general rule, artwork at eye level, is 57-58" from the floor. (Please don't let your 7' husband hang it at his eye level!)



3. Is there adequate lighting in your room?

Too often, people neglect the lighting required in a room. Each room should have general, task and accent lighting. The lamps in a room should be similar in style, and all lamp shades should be the same color. As a rule of thumb, there should be a minimum of three ambient lighting sources in every room. This adds to the ambiance of a room. We also look much better in table lamp lighting rather than high hat spots shining down on us!



4. Is all your furniture against the wall?

Many times a client will tell me they do not use a room because it is not inviting. When I arrive in the room, I find they have all their furniture against the wall...similar to a doctor's office set up! This type of arrangement does not create a warm and cozy feeling in a room nor is it conducive to conversations. The ideal conversing distance between people should not be more than 10 feet.



5. Is everything matchy-matchy?

Many times when people decorate they choose a safe way of decorating. They buy all the furniture the store set up in a display and place it that way in their homes! Then when they put it together, they wonder why their rooms have no character or pizzazz. Though not too many rules, decorating should be FUN and unexpected with your individual tastes incorporated. Let your home reflect YOU, your past, your travels and your personality. When people come over, let them see YOU in the home, not the local furniture store.

Do any of these mistakes apply to your home? Do you need some objective help? Please contact us because we would love to help you create a look for your home that reflects you! We use what you already own; we are affordable and work within your budget and time frame.

Make the call!



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