



5 WAYS TO MAKE PASTELS FEEL MODERN

Designing using dusty pastels can bring to mind images of stuffy Victorian films, baby nurseries, or leftover Valentine's Day candy. However, pastels are making a cameo in the design world once again. When used correctly, they evoke a soft contrast to stark and modern design while also making a space feel fresh for the coming spring. Here are 5 examples of well executed pastel:

In the bedroom:



This space uses a bright and clean white as its backdrop for some feminine pink pastel accents. Mixing the light peach with the rose quartz lends a casual vibe, while the dusty gray throw pillow keeps the space from being altogether too feminine. Touches of pink on the hanging shelf ties all the rosy shades together in perfect minimalist harmony.



In this bedroom, midcentury modern furniture is given a fun facelift with this moody shade of seafoam. The sharp edges of the desk and mirror coupled with brass accents ensure this epicenter for beauty doesn't register as too girly, which is ideal when sharing your space with your less feminine mate.

In the office:



A light coral color warms up this otherwise all white office nook. Painting a small accent wall brings life to a space that should inspire and invigorate without being too distracting and is easy to repaint as trends change. The orchids, candles, and sheepskin throw add texture and life to this tiny space without being cluttered.

In the kitchen:



Pretty accessories are a great alternative to painting a wall or buying larger pastel pieces. Any room can join in on the pastel party—even the kitchen with these sweet seafoam and cotton candy accents. Mixing the metallics, lucite, and greenery keeps this from looking like your grandma's kitchen while also making the space a little more cheery for spring.

In the living room:



If pale blue happens to be your favorite color, then investing in a statement piece of furniture is an excellent way to make a statement. This gorgeous shade of serenity blue (shoutout to both Pantone colors of the Year) looks modern in this living room. Print mixed textiles and the color coordination from the gallery wall makes this pastel inspired room a total knockout.

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