

Traditional Interiors

Definition

- Based on historical references of past design and culture.
- Eighteenth Century era very important influence for furnishings and overall décor.
- Predominant interior choice in Canadian homes, especially living/dining and bedroom.
- Leans toward formal but today's **Traditional** trends are definitely loosening up.
- Dominant use of classic lines and finishing details.
- Colour can be anywhere on the spectrum but majority of designers will again follow historical references. Therefore rich tapestry colours (green, red, yellow and blue family) or nature inspired colours (pastels) will prevail.
- Fabrications lean toward woven construction with rich finishing and surface textures (velvet, silk, tapestry, etc.)
- Ideal flooring options are hardwood with area carpets, broadloom, limestone or marble.

Today's Traditional Trends

- **Traditional** interiors are taking cue from today's hectic lifestyle and instead of imitating a formal 18th Century sitting room are looking more like an 18th Century attic!
- Overstuffed upholstery in comfortable textures eclectically combined with a mixture of wood finishes give off an air of warmth and charm.
- Retrospection is what **Traditional** interiors are based on but today the era of influence is not only 18th Century Europe but also the art déco period of the 20th Century.
- **Traditional** interiors are taking two very different directions – Feminine and Masculine.
- Feminine – follows along the lines of a French boudoir, using soft colours and elegant textures to create the feel of comfort and luxury.
- Masculine – think of 1920s private men's club – rich masculine colours combined with dark woods and tailored lines and details. Strong overtones of art deco.
- French and English influence is still very strong therefore details such as toile fabrications, braid and tassels, ornate furniture detailing, painted woods, floral prints, stripes and elegant details are all very important.
- Dominant colour palettes – pastel neutrals, menswear darks (black, chocolate, navy, grey).
- Flooring wood surfaces are richly dark featuring mahogany or oak.

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- No doubt the popularity of **Traditional** interiors is waning with the onset of younger new homeowners and the consumers constant pursuit relaxation. However Traditional décor is not based on fad or lifestyle trends, it will never disappear making it a very sound investment.