

# A MARRIAGE of Taste



People come in all shapes and sizes, and their design styles usually vary too. So when two people choose to live together, well... compromise is definitely the name of the game. When those people have a mix of traditional styles (vintage) and modern tastes, then the marriage of those styles is crucial to happiness and a comfortable home.



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chandelier into the space, either over a dining table or reading nook, will support the design requirements for a dual space.

Fabric also assists greatly in blending the two decorating styles. Vintage inspired fabrics, like soft paisley patterns work well with modern geometric prints, solids and stripes. The goal here would be to use patterns sparingly, and in neutral cohesive tones, so as not to become a visual circus.

In a room where more than one activity takes place, designing cabinetry to perform a number of functions enhances the use of the space. Closed cabinets can house media components (TV, DVD player, etc) as well as computer games, CDs, DVDs. Open shelves can then be used for displaying collections, photographs, books and special keepsakes gathered from your travels. If the TV is too large, (as most can be these days!) then consider framing it with cabinets that will soften all the technology.

For a design-marriage made in heaven, take on the challenge to mix-and-match your tastes!

The key in creating this dual-style design is to make use of both traditional and modern accents. Balance your furniture. Have the modern clean lines of some pieces meet the traditional, more comfortable lines of others. The result is a harmonious merging of time-worn traditional décor and clean, contemporary style.

Then make the most of natural elements like stone-facing for walls which speaks to the traditionalist, but works well with the modern styles of steel, glass and the hard corners of modern furnishings. Harmonise the natural stone with fresh, white accent walls and ceilings, using shades of cream, putty and soft neutrals to play on the modern.

Combine recessed lights, as your primary illumination, with spot lighting to accent any beautiful pieces of art. Mixing a wrought-iron

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