



THE NEW MODERNISM

CLEAN AND SERENE LIVING

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Our lives are hectic! We move at a fast pace. We are constantly on our mobile devices; smart phones, tablets and even our wristwatches!! So, when we finally get home we want a calm, soothing retreat. Whether it is your main residence or a desert getaway, it should be inviting and relaxing.

Today's design is about editing. Paring things down to the very special, important and sometimes singular found objects. Pale but soothing sea glass colors for walls paired with crisp, clean whites and grays, partnered with a pop of unexpected color such as citrus or chartreuse make an enchanting collaboration.



Lighting is incredibly important as well. Exposed "Edison" bulbs have made a huge impact in the design industry. Diffused, soft light has replaced can lighting which creates unnatural and odd shadowing. Lamps with dimmers are an all-important feature for capturing the "right light."

Art and area rugs are either the starting point or the finishing touch depending on who you ask. Does art dictate a room's color palette ... it could, or it could be a focal point. Abstract art is being purchased to replace more traditional mediums, as well as photography that has been manipulated digitally.

So, we have come to a pivotal place in the design world where less is definitely less. And this is a good thing. People need a break from the hectic, frenetic pace of life when they finally arrive at their destination, take off their shoes, put down their phones and sit back to enjoy the serenity of their environment.



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