





Pure Nordic Modern Rustic Classic Elegance Urban Contrast

# STYLE handbook

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#### YOUR STYLE. YOUR FLOOR.

A beautiful home with a consistent style that really fits my life and my needs – that is the dream for an ever-increasing number of people. But many find that it's not that easy.

It really is a jungle out there, with a vast number of interior magazines, blogs and brands showing a kaleidoscope of styles. And the interior design offerings are also huge – with regard to furniture and accessories, textiles, paint colors - and flooring. Many people end up being more confused than enlightened when trying to create a consistent style for their home.

Fortunately, there is help. We in BOEN have made a commitment to make it easier and more fun to find the style that you like, and choose the floor that fulfils it. Because we are experts in hardwood floors rather than interior design, we have engaged in a cooperation with the style expert Helle Tjaberg.

Helle has worked with design, interior and lifestyle journalism for nearly 20 years. In 2001 she became deputy editor of ELLE Decoration Norway, and was the magazine's Editor-in-chief from 2005 till 2012. Today Helle runs her own company - Eget Rom - and works as a writer, advisor and consultant on trends and design.

Together with Helle we have developed four major style groups: Pure Nordic, Modern Rustic, Classic Elegance and

Urban Contrast. These are all lasting styles with clear historical references, and they will be relevant for many years to come. In this booklet we will give you an insight into the style origin and characteristics, as well as relevant designers, brands and objects. We have also included a list of typical materials and the perfect colour palette. The aim is to give you a good understanding of the styles and how to apply them consistently in your own home.

And of course, we will show you which floors suit the different styles, and explain why. The floor is one of the largest elements in the home and therefore an integral part in creating a holistic style – for your personality.

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## PURE NORDIC

At the core of the Pure Nordic style lies a clean and simple design; neutral and light coloured walls and natural materials, which complement light wooden floors.

The Pure Nordic style originates from Scandinavian Design, a term and movement that arose during the 1950s. In the years following the Second World War, new technology emerged facilitating mass production methods. A new generation of designers made use of this new technology to design and produce functional, beautiful and affordable furniture and objects.

#### **FUNCTIONAL DESIGN**

Theirs was a democratic design movement; all people should be able to furnish their homes with functional, simple and innovative designs. The overall ethos of this style can be summed up in four words; beauty in everyday life.

#### **LIGHT WOOD**

The main characteristic of the style is an elegant and honest use of materials, and a lack of ornamental detail. Designers looked towards nature for inspiration and materials. Blonde wood is the single most important material; combined with clean white walls it creates an overall feeling of space and tranquillity.

#### **NEW SHAPES**

Post-war-production techniques enabled designers to bend and shape wood into new and interesting shapes, creating a whole new way of looking at this material. However, the nature of the wood, as well as its personality should always shine through.

#### **MATERIALS**

Other materials which hold a great deal of importance within this style are glass and ceramics. Organic shapes

and a restrained aesthetic characterize Scandinavian glassware and pottery. Wool and cotton are the dominating fabrics. Patterns are clear and simple, but the use of colour can be quite bold. However, over the course of the past decade there has been a move towards palettes which are increasingly muted and pale.

#### **ICONIC DESIGN**

A vast number of the designs from the 1950s have today gained iconic status; Arne Jacobsens Egg-chair from Fritz Hansen, Alvar Aaltos Tulip vase from littala and Poul Henningsens PH-lamps from Louis Poulsen, are just a handful of the designs that still feel as fresh and relevant today as they did half a century ago.

#### **UPCOMING DESIGNERS**

However, there are a number of young designers working today, who draw inspiration from Scandinavian Design, and they are not necessarily all based in the Nordic countries. The German designer Konstantin Grcic defines function in human terms, while the Italian designer and architect Piero Lissoni is a master of natural materials. Benjamin Hubert, a young rising British designer, is material driven and led by function.

The need for innovative, functional and beautiful objects in natural materials is just as important today, as when the Scandinavian Design movement arose. This style will, as a result, continue to inspire, move and attract us.





Clean lines in cutlery from Skaugum of Norway.

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Paints to match:

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The beauty of restrained organic and functional designs – inspired by the tranquil Scandinavian nature. Here is a list of typical designers, furniture and objects that can inspire you.

#### Colours and materials

- > Wool
- > Cotton
- > Clear, simple patterns
- > Pale colour palettes
- > Glass
- > Ceramics

#### Typical furniture and objects

Egg-chair by Arne Jacobsen/Fritz Hansen Aalto-desk by Andreas Engesvik/ Fjordfiesta Montanas shelving system PH Lamp by Poul Henningsen/ Louis Poulsen Oslo by Hadeland Glassverk

Skaugum by Skaugum of Norway Tripp Trapp chair by Petter Opsvik/Stokke Dagg vase by Carina Seth Andersson/Svenskt Tenn Shell Chair by Hans J. Wegner/Carl Hansen Klippan sofa by

#### Typical brands

Lars Bjeller Fjetland/Ikea

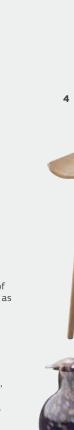
Carl Hansen & Søn Fritz Hansen Eilersen iittala Ikea Røros Tweed Wik & Walsøe Asplund One Nordic Furniture Company e15 Vitra

**B&B** Italia Kasthall Kinnasand Flexform Molteni & C Porro Boffi Classicon

#### Designers

Arne Jacobsen Hans Brattrud Hans Wegner Andreas Engesvik Louise Campbell Lars Beller Fjetland Alvar Aalto Josef Frank Nanna Ditzel Form us with love GamFratesi Konstantin Grcic Sieger Design

- 1. Look to the lighter scale of colours in our floors, such as the beautiful Oak Coral, Castle Plank
- 2. Glassbird, design Oiva Toikka, littala
- 3. Alto by Andreas Engesvik
- 4. Tealight holder, Håndmalt, design Wik & Walsøe
- **5.** Glassvase, from the Alvar Aalto-collection, littala
- 6. Throw Frost, design Scandinavian Surface, Røros Tweed
- 7. Maple Canadian White
- 8. Nature Kebony cutlery by Skaugum of Norway





## NORDIC FLOORS The floors in the Pure Nordic style are all in a lighter and pale shades, creating a calm and airy backdrop to the Nordic interior.



Ash Polar



Maple Canadian Maple Canadian Andante



Oak Pearl



Oak Coral Oak Ivory



Oak Andante

Oak Traditional



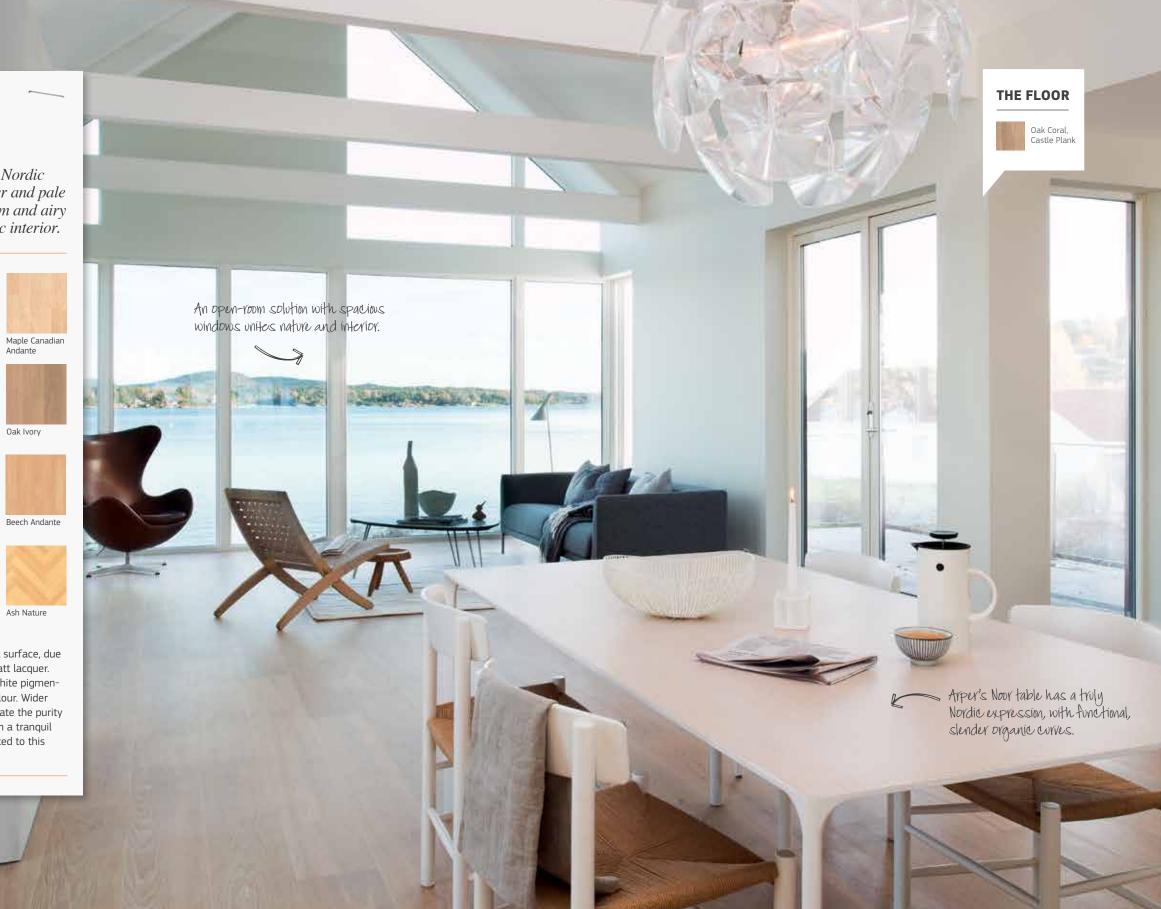
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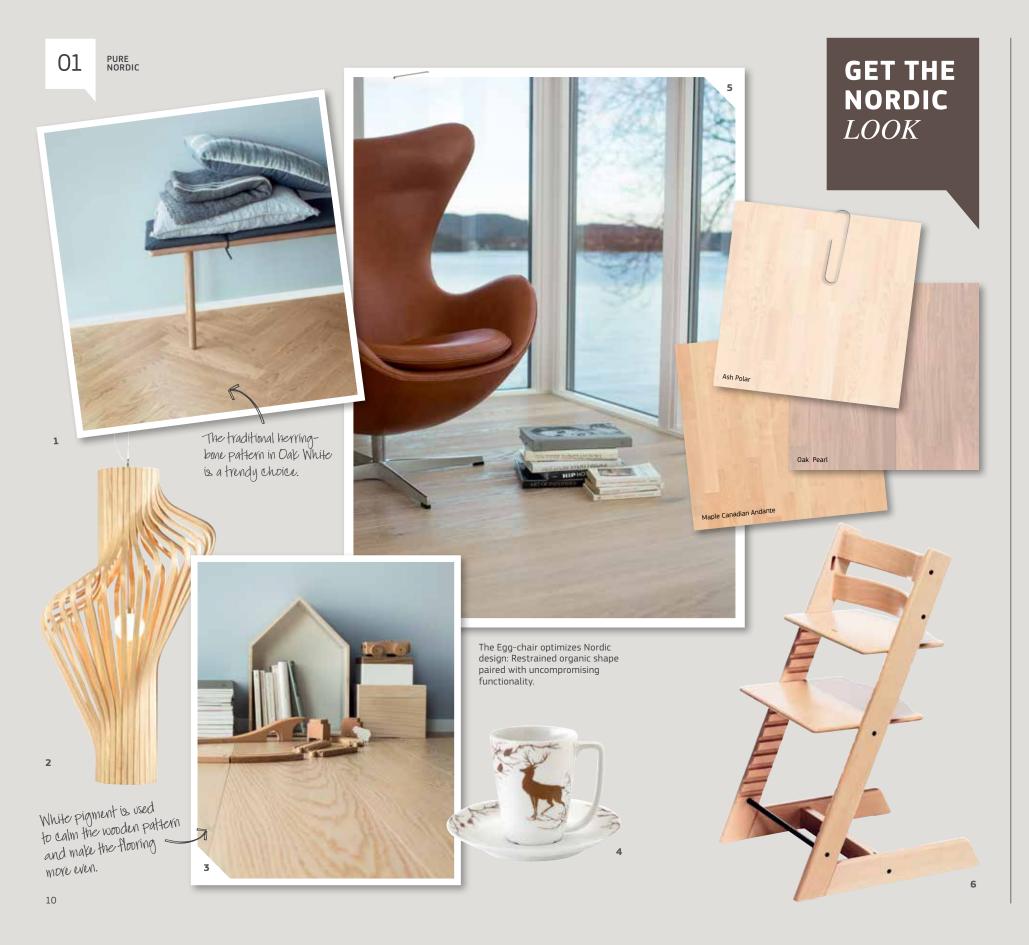




Ash Nature

The Nordic floors have a matt surface, due to the use of natural oil or matt lacquer. They are often treated with white pigmentation to mute the original colour. Wider planks and long lines accentuate the purity of the style. Longstrip floors in a tranquil and pale grading are also suited to this style.







#### Look to these floors and accessories to go Nordic

- 1. The traditional herringbone pattern looks modern and fresh in Oak White, Prestige
- 2. Lamp Diva, design Natedal & Egset, Northern Lighting
- **3.** Oak White Andante in wide Castle planks with a matt lacquer finish
- 4. Tableware Alveskog, design Wik & Walsøe
- 5. The iconic Egg-chair, design Arne Jacobsen and produced by Fritz Hansen, in harmony with Oak White Nights, Castle
- **6.** Tripp Trapp® design: Peter Opsvik. Foto: Stokke®
- 7. Lamp Unika, design De Fønss & Lundqvist, Northern Lighting

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## IN SHORT PURE NORDIC

Originates from the Scandinavian Design movement from the 1950s. The aim was to create "beauty in everyday life", through functional, simple and innovative design.

- > Blonde wood is the most important material. Wool and cotton are dominating fabrics, and the colour palette is light and pale.
- > Organic shapes with a restrained aesthetic are prevalent in glass and ceramics.
- A large number of designs have gained iconic status, such as Stokke's Tripp Trapp chair, Arne Jacobsen Egg chair from Fritz Hansen and the Alvar Aalto tulip vase by Iittala.

## MODERN RUSTIC

The Modern Rustic interior exudes an authentic ambience rooted in history, longevity and natural materials.

The Modern Rustic style is constantly evolving and can trace its roots back to a number of different styles through past centuries, the most important being the Gustavian style which began in Sweden the 1770s. The Gustavian style was a relatively restrained and understated interpretation of French Louis XV and XVI-styles, and was characterized by feminine shapes and light-painted wooden furniture.

#### PERSONALIZED OVER TIME

The style became popularised by the artist Carl Larsson who depicted his wife Karin's interior design in his appealing paintings depicting family life. The Larssons used more colour, and much simpler and less formal furniture than usual in the original style. Through the years this style has seen a number of subtle changes, as different people have embraced it and adopted it as their own.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Its main appeal lays the combination of an urban and a rural style. At the heart lies a desire for objects and homes with a sense of history, longevity and sustainability. The rise of the environmental movement has increased our need for a safe haven, and we look to pared-down design with lasting value, and a sense of history – design that is neither frivolous, nor temporary.

#### **VARIOUS MATERIALS**

Furniture in this style is beautifully crafted, but low-maintenance – the woodwork more often than not

has a distressed and rustic finish. The colour palette is neutral and sober, with small splashes of colour. Decorative objects are often displayed in style of still life. Natural materials such as linen, cotton, jute, sisal, rattan and wicker are in abundance. Ceramics, metal and stainless steel have also become important materials within this style.

#### **INDUSTRIAL LOOK**

After a flirt with faded florals, religious motifs and the mantra of beauty before function in the eighties and nineties, the style has once more come into its own. Industrial and ethnic elements are slowly permeating the style, thus creating interesting meetings between nostalgia and modern life. The introduction of industrial elements has resulted in a cleaner, more unfussy look, and an inviting and comfortable ambience.

#### **TOUCH OF THE PAST**

In a rapidly moving technological world, there is certainly a need for a slower more considered lifestyle and a place where we can disconnect. The Modern Rustic-style keeps us in touch with the past, without being overly sentimental.







Stone and handmade ceramics in dusty colours.

## Paints to match:

The cosy lightness of the Modern Rustic style emphasizes a natural living. We chose out some typical representatives of the style for your inspiration.

#### **Colours and materials**

- > Ceramics, metal and stainless steel
- > Linen, cotton and wool
- > Jute, sisal and rattan

#### Typical furniture and objects

Shell chair, design Charles and Ray Eames, Vitra

The Lampe Gras-collection, by dcw. Editions.

Bentwood chairs by Thonet. Crystal Bulb lamp by Lee Broom. Tableware by Arian Brekveld for Imperfect Design

Ghost sofa, design Paola Navone for Gervasoni

#### Typical brands

Jielde
Original BTC Lighting
Bloomingville
House Doctor
Home & Cottage
Tine K Home



Savon de Marseille Falcon Enamelware Norrgavel Another Country Tortus Copenhagen Tolix

#### **Designers**

Piet Hein Eek
Tine K
Bowles & Bowles
Andrew Martin
Broste Copenhagen
Ralph Lauren (the collections
inspired by alpine and lodge living)

- 1. Warm and with lots of texture in the new floor Shabby White, Castle Plank
- 2. Mix different types of floors in different widths like we have done with Oak Antique and Oak Historical, solid plank. This achieves a naturally aged look
- **3.** Ceramic vases by Tortus Copenhagen
- **4.** Wool pillow by Norrgavel
- **5.** Copper candlestick, Lup, by Hay
- 6. Plywood shelf by Bloomingville
- 7. Linen fabric by Home & Cottage
- 8. Oak Alamo

Oak Vivo's personality fits perfectly within a rustic atmosphere.







The Modern Rustic floors are recognized by their texture and personality.









Oak Alamo

Oak Highland



Oak Old Grey





Oak Historical



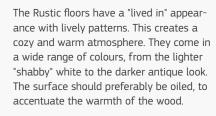
Oak Animoso



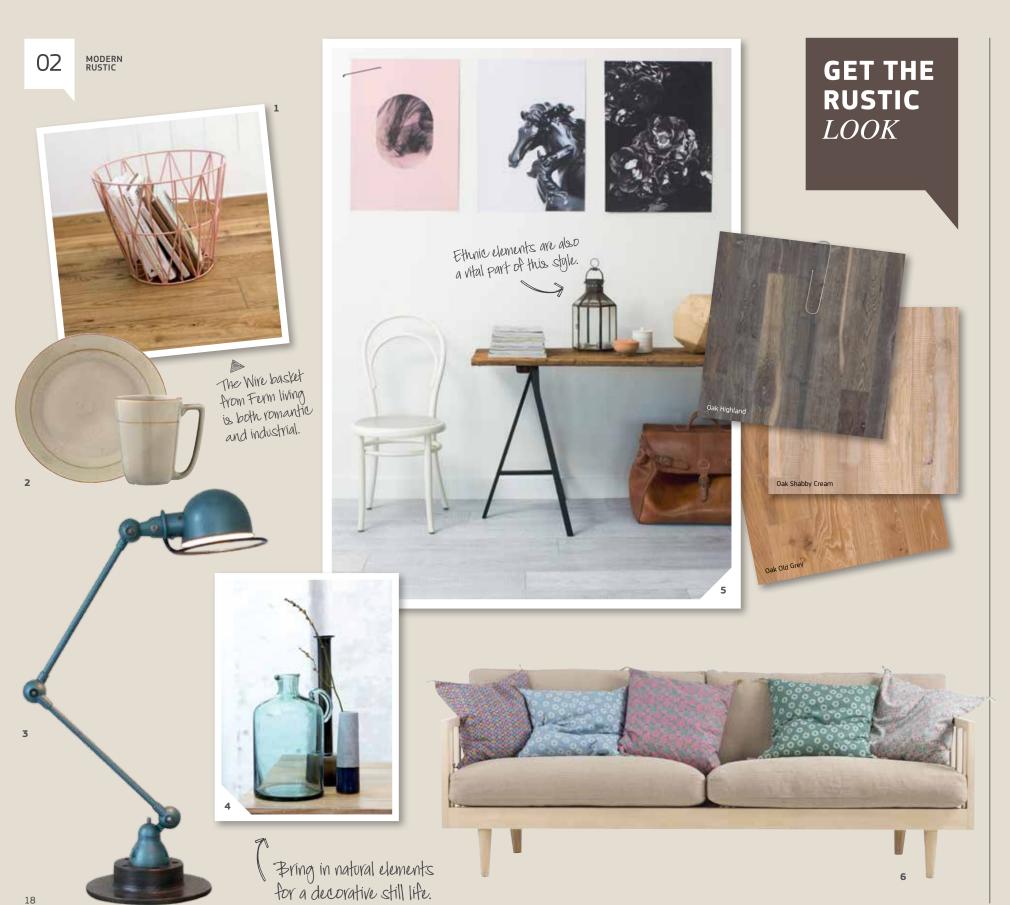
Oak Shabby White



Oak Shabby Cream









#### Rustic furniture and accessories you'll love!

- 1. Oak Antique, Solid Plank
- 2. Tableware Rustikk, design Wik & Walsøe
- 3. Rustic metal lamp, Loft, by Jieldé
- **4.** Still life of glass and ceramic vases, by House Doctor
- 5. Oak Shabby White, Castle Plank
- **6.** The sofa Rakis cosy and inviting, by Norrgavel
- 7. Hanging light, Jam Jar, by Piet Hein Eek

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#### **IN SHORT MODERN RUSTIC**

Based on elements of our history, and also influenced by the artist Carl Larsson and country living. Key words in this style are: Inviting, personal and comfortable.

- > Today this ever-evolving style combines a worn, feminine look with ethnic elements, creating interesting meetings between nostalgia and modern life.
- > Natural materials as linen, sisal and rattan are important, in addition to ceramics, metal and stainless steel.
- > The colour palette is characterized by dusty pastels.

## URBAN CONTRAST

Warm wood, organic curves and an emphasis on the fun in functional; this combination makes the Urban Contrast style so appealing.

Some would say that the birth of modern-day consumerism was heralded in post-war America in the 1950s. The Urban Contrast style can most certainly be traced to this era, which stretched from the 1950s into the late 1960s and early 1970s. Much the same as in post-war Europe, there arose a need for functional and affordable furniture adopting new technology and materials.

#### **ORGANICAL**

Where the Scandinavians went for a pared down and more practical approach towards design, the American-based designers celebrated an exuberant post-war world by designing organically shaped and more colourful objects and furnishings.

#### **PLAYFUL DESIGN**

Designers looked towards the past, but broke the so-called established rules. They played with form and stretched the possibilities to their very limits; furniture was still functional, but the appearance, colours and materials held an equal level of importance. This furniture was well suited to the new and simple residential housing that was being built, most often one-story houses with open-plan solutions and horizontal lines. In order to blur the distinction between the outdoor and indoor space, windows were left bare and curtain-less.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

Aerodynamic and geometric shapes and organic curves characterize the style. Warmer and darker woods such as teak, walnut and rosewood were the preferred choices. Designers also worked with new man-made materials such as fiberglass and plastics.

#### **COLOURFUL**

Vivid colours such as red, green, blue and yellow dominated, in combination with the graphic clarity of black and white. Today warm and earthy colours are also central to this style. There was also room for purely decorative objects such as wooden birds and colourful ceramics and metals in interesting shapes. The desire for functional and fun furniture also for children arose in this period, and marked the start of considering children as independent and interesting creatures in their own right.

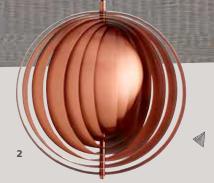
Bold graphic and textile design was also an important part of the movement and are easily recognized by their bold geometric designs, strong graphics and colours and quirky motifs.

#### **NO RULES**

Today this style still retains its fresh and contemporary feel as it is all about the ease of everyday living. Some of the key designs from this era, such as Charles and Ray Eames and Eero Saarinens Tulip tables are still very much in demand, and continue to be produced. And we see that designers of today, such as the Bouroullec brothers, Hella Jongerius and Tom Dixon are inspired by and designing furniture and objects very much along the lines of the post-war designers. There are few rules to this style, except perhaps to break them to suit your own personality!







Golden dynamics in the copper lamp Moon by Verpan

Urban Contrast is a playful style that allows designers to try out new shapes, patterns and colours. It is modern in expression and functionality. Get the urban inspiration!

#### **Colours and materials**

- > Plastic
- > Fiberglass
- > Colourful ceramics
- > Metal
- > Vivid, but also warm and earthy colours
- > Bold geometric design

#### Typical furniture and objects

Lounge Chair - Charles and Ray Eames/Vitra Tulip Chair - Eero Saarinen/Knoll

Pianissimo Lamp by Lars Beller Fjetland for Discipline Ro-chair by Jaime Hayon for Fritz Hansen Arco-lamp by Flos Pocket Chair by Ding3000

#### Typical brands

Vitra Knoll Moroso Frama

Nevvvorks Ikeas Stockholm-series Heath Ceramics Ingo Maurer

#### **Designers**

Charles and Ray Eames George Nelson Eero Saarinen Isamu Noguchi Charles Harper (illustrations) Alexander Girard Oiva Toikka Birger Dahl Jonathan Adler

Tom Dixon Andreason & Leibel Sebastian Herkner Muller van Severen Hella Jongerius

Werner Aisslinger Stefan Diez

Kristine Five Melvær Patricia Urquiola



Paints to match:

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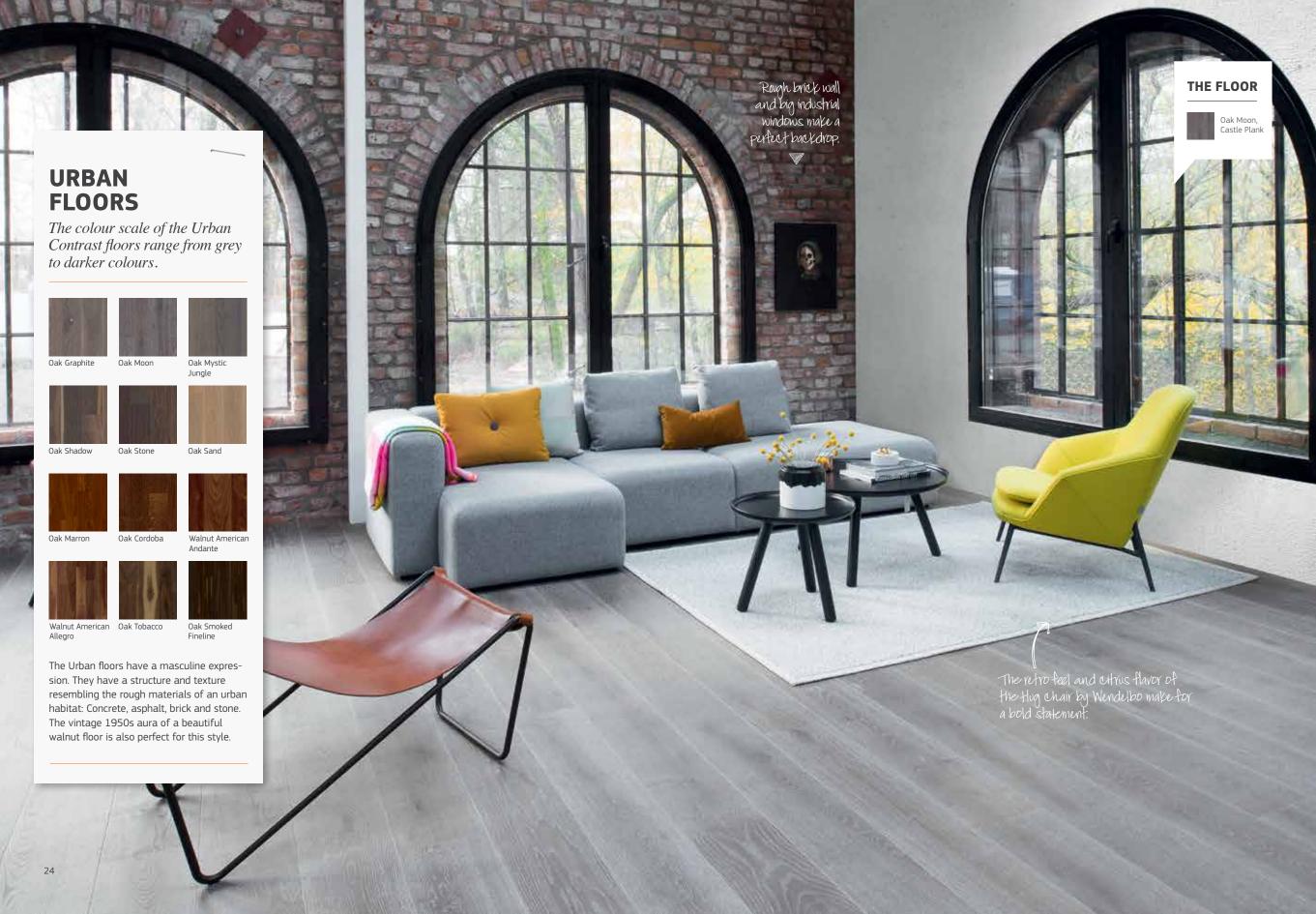
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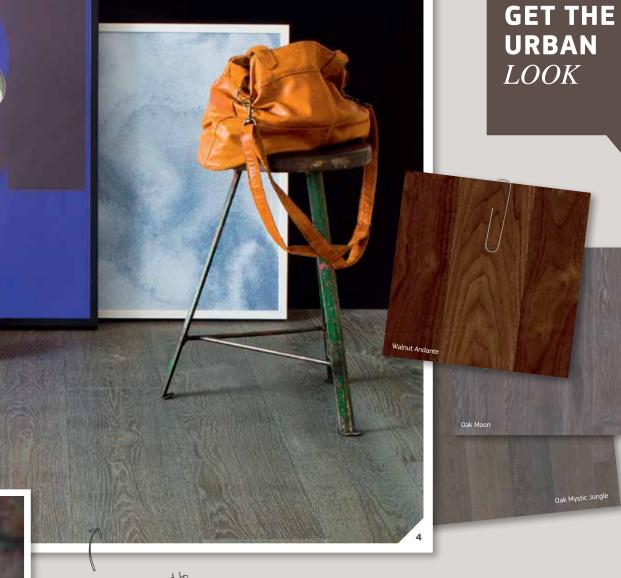
- by Verpan
- **3.** A classic! Bowl Krenit, design Herbert Krenchel, by Normann Copenhagen
- **4.** Looking for a rough and masculine touch? Choose Oak Tobacco, Solid Plank
- 5. Side table, Flash, by Tom Dixon
- 6. Chair, Lounge Deluxe, design Verner Panton, by Verpan
- 7. Warm cognac coloured leather
- 8. Oak Tobacco. Solid Plank

















#### Urban floors and accessories to make your rooms pulsate and come alive!

- 1. Bold metallic, high gloss. Void light, by Tom Dixon
- 2. Walnut Andante, Plank allows you to play with colourful contrast
- **3.** This style invites you to play with contrasting materials and interesting shapes
- **4.** You can almost feel the industrial dust in the structure of Oak Mystic Jungle, Castle Plank
- **5.** Serve your favorite drink in the organically shaped Rocking Glasses, by Normann Copenhagen
- **6.** Chill out in the Tembo Lounge chair; design Noergaard & Kechayas, by Nevvvorks
- 7. Norm 69 by Normann Copenhagen lights up the Urban Contrast style

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### IN SHORT URBAN CONTRAST

#### Originated in the Mid Century Modern style of post-war America.

- > Playful no-rules style, experimenting with shapes, colours and man-made materials.
- > The shapes are aerodynamic and geometric with organic curves.
- > Important materials are fiberglass and plastics, but also metal and ceramics.
- > The wood is typically in warm and dark, with new grey tones appearing.
- > Objects and paint are held in vivid colours and with bold graphics.

## **CLASSIC ELEGANCE**

The classic and elegant interior is refined, calm and orderly, always leaving room for creativity and unexpected details.

Order, balance, symmetry and harmony constitute the most important features in the Classic Elegance style, which can actually trace its roots all the way back to both the ancient Greek and the Roman times.

#### STATEMENT OBJECTS

Interiors in this style often have a strong focal point; be it a sofa, a table, a fireplace or a lighting fixture. Furnishings are grouped in formal arrangements aimed at inspiring conversation, providing an overall symmetrical feel.

Even if the arrangements are strict and formal, it does not mean that the interior is static; classic interiors often benefit from unexpected details, such as a side table with an interesting still life grouping, bold modern art or a statement rug. This is also very much in keeping with the Greeks and Romans who were very much into decorative and creative detailing.

#### WARM COLOURS

An important material dating back to this era was wood such as oak, cedar, maple and ebony, and these darker tones ensure a rich and warm ambience. Another important material was stone, such as marble and sandstone, which are also extremely popular today. Copper, bronze and iron were used for embellishment in earlier times, today these warm metals work perfectly in mirrors, lighting and decorative details.

#### **MATERIALS**

Textiles feature prominently in the classic elegant style; furnishings are soft; rugs are exotic and often inherited;

and luxurious curtains graze the floor. Have fun with mixing and matching different patterns such as floral, toile and stripe – but remember to keep them within the same palette, in order to avoid complete chaos.

#### **CLEAN LINES**

All manner of styles can feature in today's classic interiors – rococo, regency and baroque, to name but a few – but usually as smaller furniture, and are not the primary focus. A large comfortable and soft sofa with clean lines will better accentuate a more ornate and detailed piece. This does not, however, mean that everything must match.

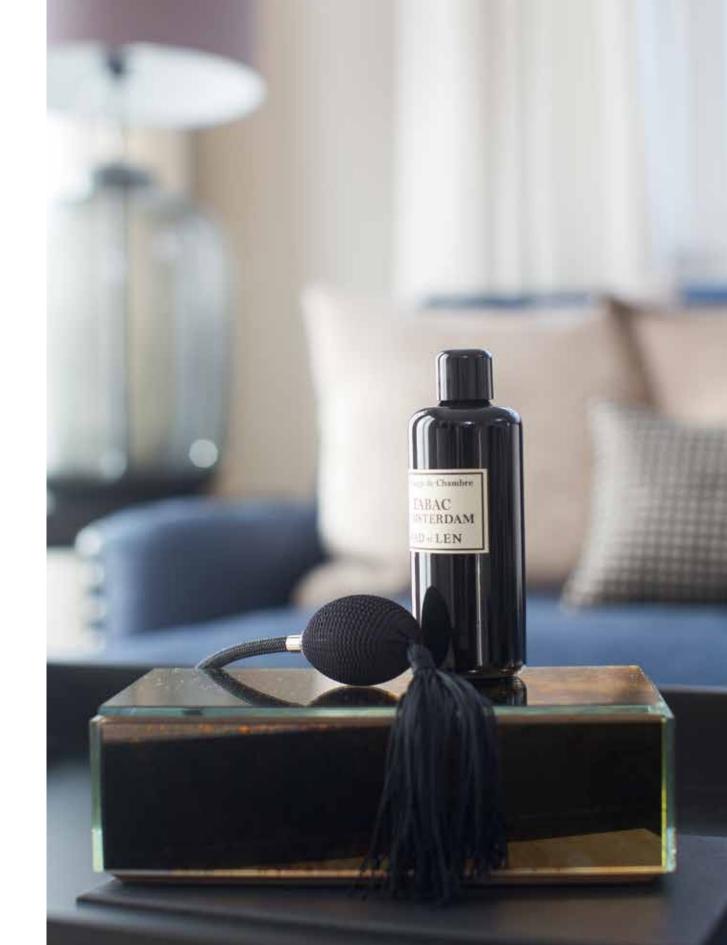
#### **OLD AND NEW**

Traditional interiors are often based on furniture and objects handed down from generation to generation, and they can work beautifully with more modern furniture. A mix of classic and new design ensures that the room remains fresh and timely.

#### **LONG TRADITIONS**

The colour palette is inspired by the natural landscape; earth tones, deep greens and reds, navy with white. The new neutrals grey, beige and taupe, are perfect in classic settings.

The classic interior will never go out of style; its appeal lies in tradition, beauty and cosy predictability. Within the style's wide boundaries there is a lot to play around with – a fact that is innately appealing.







Marble, gold and dark wood at this elegant seating.

Refined, calm and orderly with eye-catching statement objects. Here is inspiration for the Classic Elegant interior.

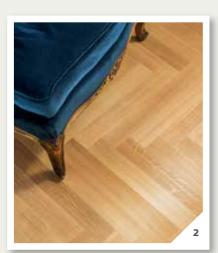
#### **Colours and materials**

- > Oak, cedar, maple and ebony
- > Marble and sandstone
- > Copper, bronze and iron
- > Velvet, satin and silk
- > Floral, toile and striped patterns
- > Deep colours; green, red, white and earthy

#### Typical furniture and objects

Wing chair Ro, design Jaime Hayon, by Fritz Hansen The contemporary rug collection by The Rug Company Sofa Rumba, by Designers Guild Ceiling lamp Caboche, design Patricia Urquiola, by Foscarini Rugs by Madeline Weinrib Kitchen Broby by Kvänum Sofa Divine Recline by Ochre.

The Malm-series in dark brown, by Ikea



#### Typical brands

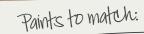
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Armani Casa Ralph Lauren Home Balmuir Waterford Lexington Gant Home Baccarat Slettvoll Hødnebø Swarovski Colefax & Fowler Designers Guild Creation Baumann Kvänum Aga Fired Earth

#### Designers

Piero Lissoni Vincent van Duysen Giorgio Armani Helene Hennie William Yeoward Kelly Hoppen

- 1. Oak Sand, Castle Plank
- **2.** Oak Select, Prestige
- **3.** Baba lamp by Christiania Belysning
- **4.** Rug by Paul Smith, The Rug Company
- **5.** Curtain tassel by Lene Bjerre
- **6.** Curtain rod by Lene Bjerre
- 7. Velvet fabric Ombrione Lapis by Designers Guilt
- **8.** Oak Noir has a stylish and wholesome expression





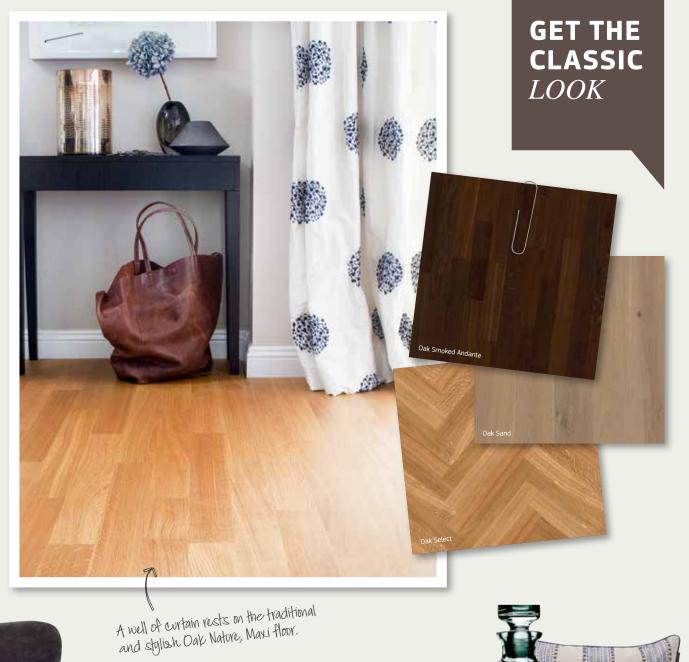




















#### Look to these floors and accessories to go Classic

- 1. Crystal lamp by Lene Bjerre
- 2. Deep navy and classic beige are key colours to this style
- 3. Professor armchair in velvet by Art Wood
- 4. A true classic; tableware Ostindia, by Rörstrand
- **5.** Serve your drinks in the glassware collection Oslo, by Hadeland Glassverk
- **6.** A decorative sham by Lexington
- 7. Small crystal lamp by Lene Bjerre

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#### **IN SHORT** CLASSIC ELEGANCE

Roots back to the ancient Greek and Roman times. Order, balance, symmetry and harmony are keywords.

- > Statement objects make strong focal points, i.e. modern art or a statement rug.
- > The colour palette is warm and deep, combined with new neutrals.
- > Oak, cedar, maple and ebony are typical woods due to their warm glow.
- > Textiles are prominent in patterns like floral, toile, stripes and plaid.
- > Elements of baroque, rococo and regency are accentuated by furniture with clean lines.



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