



Dark floors with light walls or furniture have an immediate wow factor

Sleek Sophistication

Simple
Contemporary
Decor for
Modern
Katy Homes

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Combining extreme lights with intense darks is a simple way to make a room immediately captivating. Dark floors with light walls, for example, have an instant wow factor. Exotic wood floors that go on forever, featuring many shades of browns and reds will become a color match for all tables, stair railings, and wood furniture. Keeping artwork and accent colors to a minimum keeps the focus on the high contrasting floor and furnishings.



This simplistic design incorporates square and round shapes and has only three colors



A sectional sofa that can be moved in a variety of formations is ideal for any family room



Wood flooring in a kitchen should be a hard hardwood, oak, ash, or maple for maximum durability

LESS IS MORE

In the land where ‘everything’s bigger in Texas,’ when it comes to contemporary home décor, less is definitely more! Instead of filling every corner of the home with crystal vases, textured pillows, floral rugs, and accessories, many decorators are leaning toward clean lines, bold use of color, functional furnishings and large floor space.

STAINLESS SECRETS

Chefs and restaurant owners knew the secret advantages of stainless appliances long before Katy homeowners caught on. Now refrigerators, stoves, microwaves, and dishwashers come in stainless steel finishes and they’re not just trendy – they’re also functional. Popular for its long lifespan and cleaning ease, stainless is also great for those wanting the ultimate in cleanliness. Scratches and nicks in stainless surfaces don’t rust or become storehouses for germs – another reason stainless has long been preferred by restaurant owners.

WOODS OF THE FUTURE

With kitchens opening into family and living rooms all over Katy, many homeowners are continuing the wood to the kitchen as well. Although wood flooring is more susceptible to water damage than tile, it gives any Katy home instant drama and beauty. Experts say woods like maple, oak, ash, and hard hardwoods stand up better in the kitchen than less durable woods like pine, fir, or cherry. Bamboo flooring is also a great pick for kitchens due to its durability and functionality.

WHEN LESS IS MORE

Many homeowners are taking a minimalist approach to their contemporary décor. Minimalism means that everything in the room serves a specific purpose. The reason? Many homeowners are discovering that simplicity in the home leads to a more relaxed, tranquil life. Minimalist decorators use white based cool teals, greens, or coral walls along with a predominate use of white. With minimalistic rooms, the emphasis is placed on the drama of the architecture rather than the objects used in decorating.

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Stainless steel appliances and wood floors in the kitchen is a growing trend in contemporary Katy homes



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Combine bold and dark color palettes and strong angles for a contemporary flavor



This contemporary conversation nook uses geometric shapes and high contrast colors



In this understated dining room the focus is on the architecture instead of the furnishings



Recessed lighting adds sophistication to this homeowner's functional bedroom

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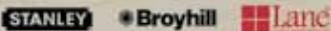


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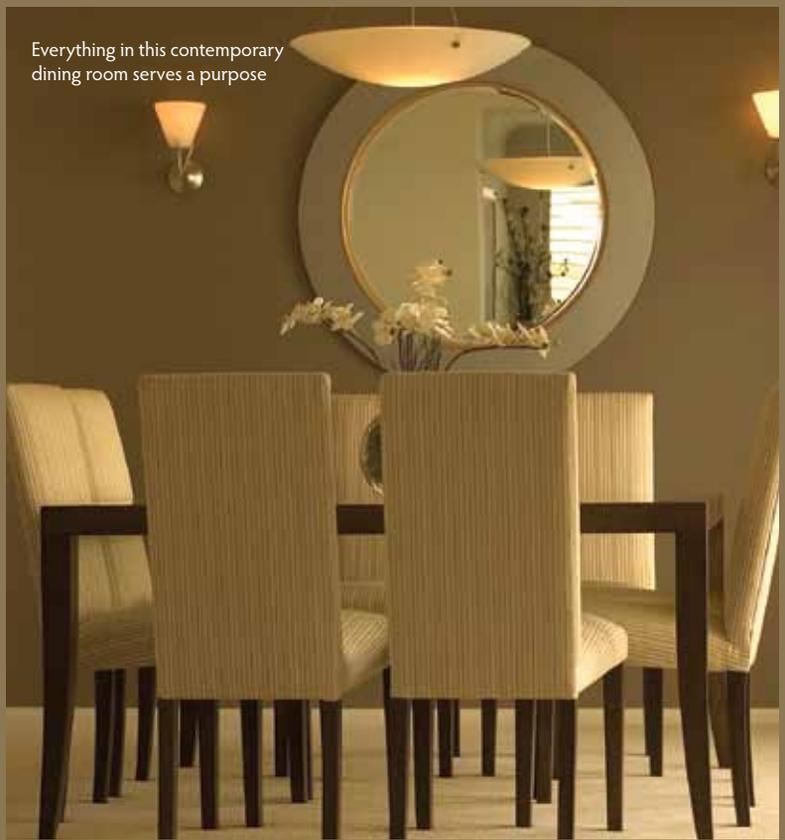
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QUICK TIPS for Going Contemporary

- 1 Choose furniture with clean lines
- 2 Use sleek and smooth fabrics that are soft to the touch
- 3 Avoid clutter and over accessorizing
- 4 Select tables with polished surfaces
- 5 Buy art and accessories with geometric shapes
- 6 Look for fun, funky lamps and fixtures
- 7 Use metal accents like chrome, nickel, or stainless steel

Everything in this contemporary dining room serves a purpose



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