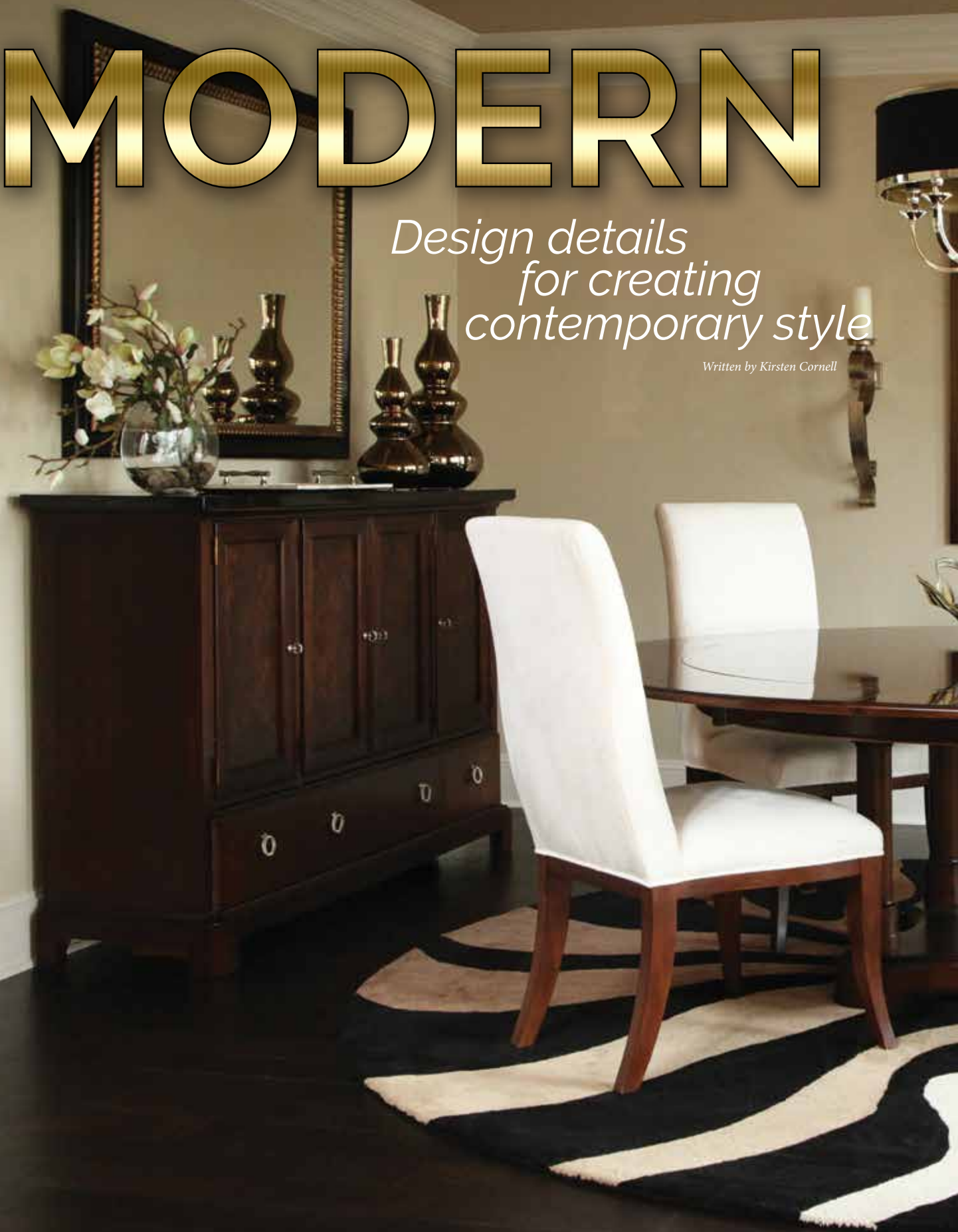


# MODERN

*Design details  
for creating  
contemporary style*

*Written by Kirsten Cornell*



# MOTIF



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**BLENDED DESIGN**

Defined lines and smooth surfaces characterize contemporary design. However, you can achieve this popular, edgy look without your home feeling cold or boxy. Blend livable elements with sophisticated modern pieces for a fresh look.





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## LIGHT IT UP

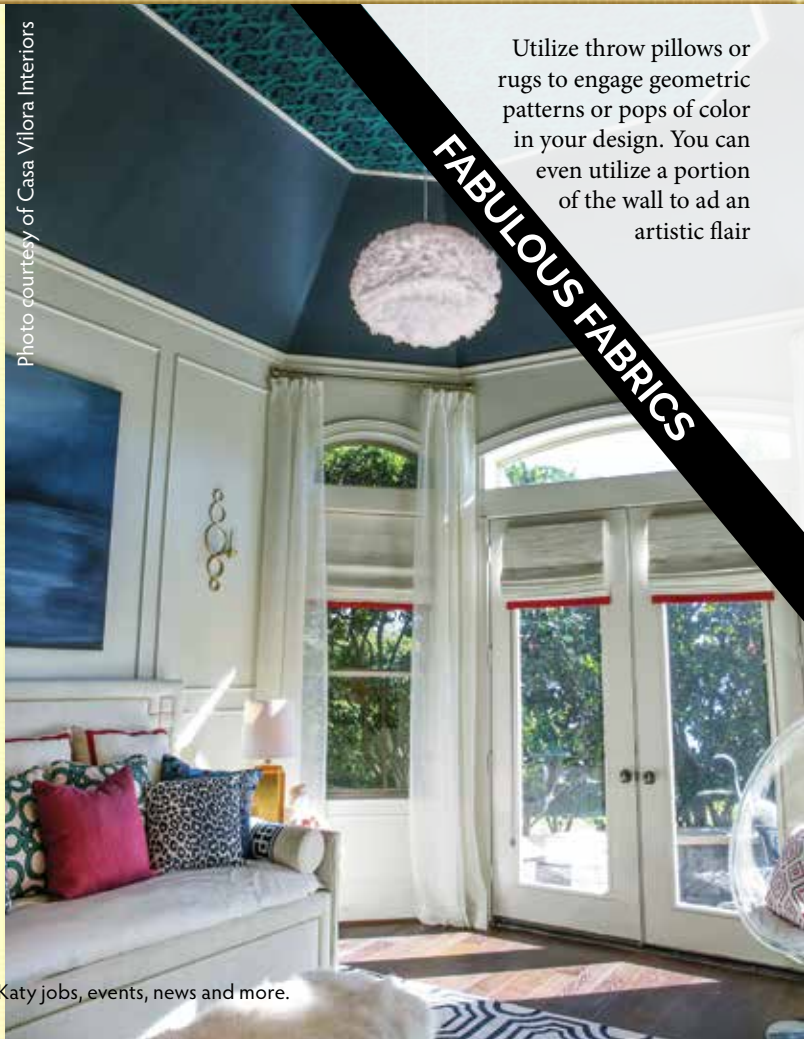
Lighting is an important element in contemporary design. Popular fixtures include track lighting, pendants, and floor lamps.



## SIMPLE STATEMENTS

Select furniture with smooth surfaces, rounded lines, and minimal adornments. The shape and form should speak for itself.

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## FABULOUS FABRICS

Utilize throw pillows or rugs to engage geometric patterns or pops of color in your design. You can even utilize a portion of the wall to add an artistic flair.

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# MODERN FLOORING

Contemporary-style flooring should be bare and smooth. Use textiles such as wood, tile, or vinyl. Add color and texture with area rugs.



Interiors tend to lean toward tone-on-tone color palettes. Schemes that are typically favored include brown, taupe, cream, and pure white.

# COLOR SCHEME

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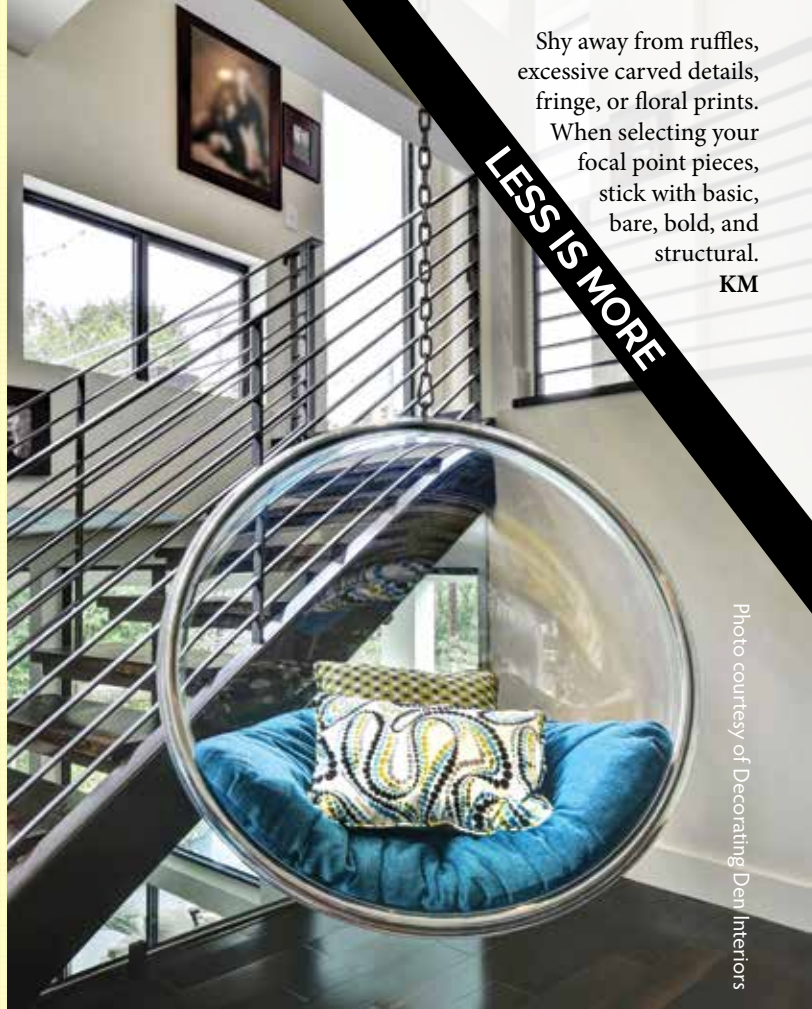




**MIRROR IMAGE**

Furniture and accents with a mirrored finish add a contemporary and elegant flair to your design.

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**LESS IS MORE**

Shy away from ruffles, excessive carved details, fringe, or floral prints. When selecting your focal point pieces, stick with basic, bare, bold, and structural. **KM**

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