



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

Sleek Sophistication

Simple
Contemporary
Decor for
Modern
Cy-Fair Homes

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Mixing graphical elements give this master bedroom a contemporary flair

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.

INTENSE LIGHTS AND EXTREME DARKS

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.

STAINLESS SECRETS

Chefs and restaurant owners knew the secret advantages of stainless appliances long before Cy-Fair 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 Cy-Fair, 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 Cy-Fair 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 than the objects used in decorating.



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



Imagine...



This contemporary conversation nook uses geometric shapes and high contrast colors



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This well thought out color palette of blue, silver, gold and neutrals gives this room sparkle and glitz

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QUICK TIPS for Going Modern

- 1 Keep it simple and decrease clutter to create resting places for your eyes
- 2 Create clean lines and linear looks in your furniture, artwork, and accessories
- 3 Mix up textures to add interest
- 4 Add pops of color to express a mood or surprise element of a room.
- 5 Incorporate metals to add sparkle and shine
- 6 Think outside the box and have fun

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This modern contemporary style was achieved by mixing furniture pieces, textures, shapes, and accessories.



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