

Design Tips -How to Create Different Feelings in a Space:

1. Casual

Light colours & White

Warm colours

Warm Neutrals

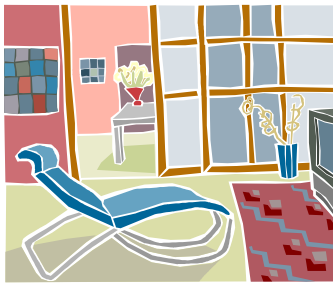
Highly Visual texture

Rougher textures & highly polished

Abstract, Organic patterns

Large scale patterns & bold stripes

Often Modern in Style



2. Formal

Dark colours & Black

Cool colours- Blues especially

Grey and greyed colours

Fine- delicate textures

Smooth, polished surfaces

Traditional patterns

Small scale, intricate patterns & thin stripes

Overall pattern dominates small amounts of colour (Persian carpets)



3. Dramatic and Bold

Strong colours in general

Bold Warm colours

Strong colour contrast- light to dark

A lot of black

Large patterns

Large scale furnishings accessories

Exotic accessories

Strongly textured woods

4. Quiet, Relaxing & Understated

Soft Blended colour use

Paler, cool colours or colours softened with grey

Very little colour contrast – all same strength

A lot of white

No pattern or muted patterns more like texture

Understated, simple lines in furnishings

Plain, simple shapes and fine textures in accessories

Woods that are plain –not heavily grained

