

Follow five tips to achieving timeless design

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Striving for a timeless design is most homeowners' ultimate goal because it allows for years of adaptability. Timeless design also protects your investment, ensuring your home maintains a great look despite the change in season, style, or years. Follow these five tips, and you will be on your way to a well-designed home with enduring appeal.

- Good bones

Make sure your floor plan is solid. Invest time envisioning yourself in the space and making the correct accommodations to your specific needs. If you have a layout that flows nicely from one space to another and is well thought out – you won't ever feel the need to move walls down the road.

- Quality flooring

Invest in high quality flooring that isn't trendy especially in your main living spaces. You can always have some fun in



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Pillows and accessories add the color and glam factor to timeless, staple furniture pieces.

smaller spaces such as powder or laundry rooms.

- Staple furniture pieces

We always encourage our clients to splurge on the main sofa/sectional. Usually they hesitate due to cost, but we know that

if they invest in a good, well-made piece, it will last them years, and they will be pleased with their purchase. Quality is something that should never be compromised in high use items.

- Know the difference: Timeless vs. trendy

Usually, it's easy to spot whether something is trendy or not. If you see it in every magazine and all over Pinterest, chances of a style being trendy are

high. You may love the farmhouse look of white subway tile and shiplap right now, but will you like it in five years? If you want something that is the current fashion, choose to use it in a space that is easy and affordable to update.

- Keep design fresh

- **Paint:** Simple, affordable updates like paint go a long way. If you feel like you are stuck and just need to freshen up – then painting your space is the answer! Wanting a more open feel? Pick a light color. Wanting a more bold change? Go dark. Maybe start with an accent wall and see how you like it.

- **Accessorize:** Use and rotate your staple pieces like memorabilia from travels or generational passed down decor and mix them with new pieces. Don't be afraid to use what you already have and add in new, fun pieces. Those are the best combinations.

- **Pillows:** You can always make your sofa look more up to date by switch-

ing your pillows and throws – a very easy fix that won't leave you broke.

- **Wallpaper:** Wallpaper options have definitely outgrown our grandma's homes. If you feel like going the extra mile when changing up a wall, definitely look into adding some fun wallpaper. It will make everyone who walks into your space do all the oohs and ahhs.

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