



GREY IS A KEY COLOUR IN MODERN HOME DÉCOR



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Grey Matters. In all the homes I've worked in over the years, greyed tones have always been the most popular. Whether it's brown, gold or red – adding a hint of grey not only tones the colour down, but makes it warmer at the same time.

Many people think grey is a cool colour. And it can be, depending on the grey chosen. But all the beautiful warm taupe's we see being used everywhere are versions of warm greys.

Going forward into 2009 we will be seeing more and more warm greys being used throughout interior (and exterior) spaces. Colour pallets derived from nature's wonders are where the inspiration is being drawn from.

Tonal variations of driftwood and pebbled beaches, accented with splashes of stormy blues and greyed greens give spaces a calming, relaxed feel. Used on walls with contrasting warm white for ceilings, doors and trim, warm greys can create a very welcoming, comfortable environment.

Think of the interior of your home much as you would your wardrobe. Like a basic black or grey suit, you can tie in trendy, colourful "accessories" to brighten up the space or celebrate the season. Bring in colour with toss cushions, candles, flowers and art pieces.

Use your walls, main architectural features and major furniture investments as the backbone to your space. Keep these neutral where possible. You can add a feature wall in a favourite colour picked from a painting if you want a real 'wow' factor.

Your home is your greatest investment. It is where you rest, play and entertain. It's also where you surround yourself with the things you love.

Choose colours that bring you peace and harmonize your space. Create an environment you feel comfortable in.

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