



What is your General Design Style?

Our design style quiz will help to determine your general design style. Answer as many questions as you can. Even if each question does not have your perfect choice, choose the answer that is as close as possible. Print this file and circle your answers to each of the questions below. At the end of the quiz you will find a guide to evaluate your results. Have fun determining your general design style!

1. The perfect sofa for me would be:

- A. Simple, classic lines with understated details in a tone-on-tone fabric
- B. Oversized, soft and slip covered in soft cotton
- C. Comfortable with relaxed lines and a little “worn” looking
- D. Sophisticated with sleek lines with exposed metal Legs and upholstered in leather
- E. Plain in design with an exposed wood finished or lacquer frame

2. My favorite decorating colors are:

- A. Gold, green, blue and burgundy
- B. Beiges with colorful accent colors
- C. Terra Cottas, bricks and greens
- D. Black and white with bright accent colors
- E. Blacks, rusts, reds and turquoises

3. My perfect sofa upholstery fabric would be:

- A. Smooth and plain, a simple stripe or a small geometric pattern
- B. A textured fabric with mixed patterns on the sofa and pillows
- C. Well worn and textured in an earth tone color
- D. Smooth dark leather
- E. A colorful textured and themed pattern

4. My favorite dining table would be:

- A. Mahogany with thin wood legs
- B. A large scaled pine table with chunky legs
- C. A roughewn, distressed tabletop with iron legs
- D. A beveled glass top with chrome legs
- E. Plain lines with a wood framed top and a mosaic insert

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5. My perfect bedroom furniture would be:

- A. A dark wood, four poster bed with matching companion pieces
- B. A brass bed with a light wood dresser
- C. A bed with a distressed wood door as a headboard and painted dressers
- D. A low, sleek bed with an exposed metal frame and lacquered dressers
- E. A natural wood bed with carvings and matching dressers

6. An ideal piece of artwork for my dining room would be:

- A. A gold framed oil painting of a hunt scene or still life
- B. A painting of wildflowers in a vase with a painted wooden frame
- C. A painting of a rolling hillside with cypress trees
- D. A large minimalist abstract painting in a metal frame
- E. A woven fabric wall hanging

7. A perfect accessory for my mantle would be:

- A. A pair of matched silver or brass candlesticks
- B. A stack of books and a birdhouse collection
- C. A large glass urn filled with lemons and limes
- D. A sleek metal and Italian glass vase
- E. Carved wood or stone figures

8. A perfect area rug for me would be:

- A. An oriental rug in blacks, reds and greens
- B. A hand hooked rug with a colorful floral border
- C. A flat weave sisal with a wide suede border
- D. A handmade leather strip "shag"
- E. A hand woven antique kilim (geometric pattern) textured rug

9. If I were choosing wood furniture for a room, it would be:

- A. Dark walnut or mahogany
- B. Lighter oak or pine
- C. Rough sawn and distressed
- D. High gloss and ebony stained
- E. Teak or highly lacquered

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10. The perfect dishes that I would use at my next dinner party would be:

- A. Gold banded porcelain with a center medallion
- B. Pastel colored china with a scalloped edge
- C. Hand painted majolica earthenware
- D. Smooth square white dishes
- E. Handmade stoneware purchased on a foreign vacation

11. A perfect window treatment in my family room would be:

- A. Plantation shutters and side pleated panels
- B. A chunky oak pole and finials with tab top panels
- C. Ironwork doors that look like an old gate
- D. No treatments at all
- E. Silk panels tied up with a rope and beads

12. My favorite kitchen accessory would be:

- A. A matching set of blue and white dishes displayed on the wall
- B. A collection of vintage aluminum trays
- C. Open shelves with rustic pottery and sunflowers
- D. My glossy granite countertop and backsplash
- E. Sea grass and slatted baskets

Go to the next page to see how to compare your design style...



Scoring Your Answers

Now that you have answered the questions, go back and count the number of times you answered A, B, C, D or E to determine which answer you most often selected. Then compare your results to the guide below.

If you selected mostly A's:

You are mostly traditional/ formal, liking calm, order and classic design. You like to showcase furnishings in pairs and you like medium to darker woods. There are probably painted moldings and chair rails in your home.

If you selected mostly B's:

You lean towards casual design...encompassing several design styles (Shabby Chic, American and French Country and Cottage, to name a few!). You like simple details, mixed patterns and textures, a little whimsy, displayed collections and light to medium woods.

If you selected mostly C's:

You like a Tuscan/ Rustic style. You like the look of a country home that is worn and "lived in". Earth colors and textures appeal to you. You would like wide plank floors, earthy tile and rough hewn wood accents with touches of iron as accents.

If you selected mostly D's:

You like more current, contemporary styles. You like comfortable and welcoming but you want your home uncluttered and light. You like a sophisticated look that showcases *space* rather than *things*.

If you selected mostly E's:

You appreciate a more ethnic look. Again, that can encompass multiple styles (Southwestern, Asian, African, Bohemian, etc.). You like the look and feel of far away places and exotic other cultures.

Keep in mind that you may be a mixture of above styles. If you like two or more of these categories, you are considered eclectic. Often, mixtures of the Traditional style and the Casual style are called Transitional. There are numerous other styles. A few examples are Retro (from the 50's – 70's), Victorian, Craftsman, Shaker and Art Deco. If you love a very specific style such as one of these or others, you probably know it and please feel free to share it with us.