



A TIMELESS AND SIMPLE FEELING DESIGN PLAN

HOUSE 214 DESIGN

I know there are other everyday home decorators that struggle the way I did with making decisions to create a home. In the past, I would take a lot of time looking through magazines, watching design shows, and scouring the internet searching for some sort of guidance and answer on how to create the feeling I wanted in my home. Maybe you can relate.

I got to work and discovered that when you know how you want your home to feel (hint, it has a lot to do with personality) you can choose corresponding decorating elements that will communicate that particular feeling best. It was just the helping hand that I needed to finally make the right decisions for my home.

This particular design plan focuses on the timeless and simple feeling (there are 9 feelings total) . This feeling is what represents me and is therefore present in my home . You will see this all depicted throughout the images and text in this design plan.

My hope is that with this small glance into my “Feel Home” concept you start to see that decorating your home isn’t about budget, time, or experience. It is about who you are and choosing the decorating elements that will best communicate you and your home.



TIMELESS AND SIMPLE PERSONALITY TRAITS

WHAT:

Personality Traits

WHY:

A person who is rooted in a timeless and simple feeling tends to be reserved, dependable, and appreciates consistency and predictability.

HOW:

- Take your time on making decisions for your home. Don't rush!
 - Stay consistent with your choices by taking cues from your home.
 - Review this "Timeless Design Plan" when confronted with a decision.
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EXAMPLES:

- Myself!
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TIP:

One simple way to keep consistency a top priority is to paint the walls in most of the spaces one main color. When you use this approach, your eye naturally moves from one space to the next instead of always stopping where one color stops and another begins.

When you want another paint color because of lighting, function of room, etc., stay in the same palette by choosing the color above or below on the paint swatch. As an added bonus, decisions are easier to make!



TIMELESS AND SIMPLE COLOR

WHAT:

Color Palette

WHY:

What you first need to consider when creating any feeling in your home is not the color itself, but the tone. In general, the timeless and simple feeling has a tone that is a bit understated. The colors tend to feel muted, have a cool undertone, and can have a hint of softness. Be sure to stay away from anything crisp or bright.

HOW:

- Built-In Cabinetry
 - Furniture
 - Walls
 - Accessories/Collections
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EXAMPLES (Paints used throughout my own home):

- Rhino by Behr (majority of first floor)
 - Restoration Hardware Charcoal (exterior of home)
 - Martha Stewart Schoolhouse Slate (mudroom, as seen in the picture)
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TIP:

If you find an interior paint color that you would like to use on an exterior surface, there is a solution. You can try to take the card to your local paint store and ask to make it into an exterior paint.



TIMELESS AND SIMPLE PATTERN

WHAT:

Patterns

WHY:

A timeless and simple pattern tends to consist of straight lines rather than have a curve or roundness to them. A good representation of a timeless pattern is the classic stripe french ticking pattern. Typical colors include blue, beige, gray and taupe which correspond nicely with a timeless and simple feeling.

HOW:

- Pillows
 - Curtains
 - Bedding
 - Accessories, such as aprons and napkins
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OTHER EXAMPLES:

- Plaids
 - Checks
 - Solids
 - Stripes
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TIP:

When choosing a timeless and simple pattern that has a straight line, take into consideration how straight the line is on the pattern. There shouldn't be any wave or curve to the edge of the lines. For example, a watercolor stripe pattern would not be an ideal choice because of the wave associated with the stripe



TIMELESS AND SIMPLE FINISH

WHAT:

Finish

WHY:

Matte or dull finishes do a nice job evoking a timeless feel in a home. Try to stay away from anything too shiny when making a decision for something that will have a large impact, such as counter tops.

HOW:

- Counters
 - Hardware
 - Accessories
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EXAMPLES:

- Soapstone
 - Wood
 - Matte Black Finish
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TIP:

Adding a timeless finish to your home doesn't have to mean a large project. Visit your local home improvement store and buy a piece of marble subway tile along with small round felt pads to place underneath. Place the marble on your counter as a spoon rest or a place to hold salt and pepper shakers.



TIMELESS AND SIMPLE COLLECTION

WHAT:

Collections/Accessories

WHY:

When adding an accessory to your timeless and simple collection take what you have learned in this design plan into account. The details I have explained regarding a timeless color palette, pattern, and finish can help you in choosing what you should bring into your home.

HOW:

- Use these pieces to dress up a table
 - Corral everyday odds and ends with these finds
 - Use as vessels to hold olives, nuts, etc. while entertaining
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EXAMPLES:

- Ironstone
 - Copper
 - Glass
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TIP:

If you have a local thrift shop near you, they are an excellent (and inexpensive) stop for these types of collections. An added bonus is that they are generally vintage pieces, so there is a sense of authenticity built into them as well.



TIMELESS AND SIMPLE SCALE

WHAT:

Scale and Size

WHY:

When choosing a timeless and simple design element for your home, take into consideration the scale of the piece. The overall scale tends to be seen as more reserved and standard in nature in a timeless home. It isn't extreme or oversized in it's size.

HOW:

- Backsplash
 - Patterns
 - Floor Tiles
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EXAMPLES:

- Hex tile (1")
 - Subway tile (3" x 6")
 - Ticking stripe pattern
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TIP:

When faced with a wall full of backsplash choices or an abundance of patterns for your home, use this strategy to help you narrow down your options. It will make your decision easier!

