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In 2015, we'll be bringing home the flavours of Europe and Latin America for a fresh take on global style. From an exciting update of English trad to the spicy palette of Peru, our spaces have never felt so international.

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GREAT FOR lovers of straightforward modernism warmed up by country accents, unfussy decorators with low tolerance for clutter, appreciators of craftsmanship.

The modern farmhouse look starts with architecture: an iconic, barn-like profile pairs perfectly with neutral colours, copious doses of wood and modern updates on trad accents. As evidenced by this modern-rustic cabin in rural Austria (top left), which was designed by architect Bernardo Bader, clean lines and a weathered palette are paramount.

In Danish fashion designer Malene Birger's kitchen (opposite), a sturdy farmhouse table feels current when paired with mod Eames chairs and a checkerboard floor, Striped textiles feel homespun and down-to-earth, while a collection of folksy framed prints adds personality to the clean white walls.

Considering its architectural origins, it's no surprise that the entire look depends on natural wood, especially reclaimed pieces. Take this rustic but refined Ritch Holben-designed weekend home in the Berkshires (left), where old beams frame the building's gabled roof to dramatic effect. It's a clear reference to a rural outbuilding, though a thoroughly elegant, cleaned-up one.



"We live in an age of haste. These seemingly simple forms provide a visual and experiential reprieve"

Kelly Buffey, architect

The Palette



Squire (RL1153), Ralph Lauren.

Brilliant White (RL1001), Ralph Lauren.



1. This brass wall lamp is a clever reference to exterior barn lamps. Large Soho lamp by Julian Chichester. \$1,575. At South Hill Home. 2. Redolent of grain sacks, Belgian linen bedding is cosy and durable. Grainhall Stripe bedding. From approx. \$82 to \$654 each. Through Libeco Home. 3. Add barn-look architecture with faux beams. BD-30-UF timber faux-wood ceiling beam. Prices vary by size. Through Barron Designs. 4. With its soft leather upholstery and mod lines, this sofa is appropriately simple and hard-wearing. 2209 sofa by Børge Mogensen. \$12,995. At Mjölk. 5. Wheel-thrown stoneware vases are pretty updates on utilitarian farm crockery. Milk jug vases. From approx. \$48 each. Through Farmhouse Pottery.





"I like richly layered rooms. Colour, pattern and a mix of old and new furniture create timeless and comfortable places to live" — Ben Pentreath, interior designer



GREAT FOR history enthusiasts who love classic silhouettes, artful eccentrics with an appetite for whimsy, Anglophiles.

A whimsical take on traditional decorating, particularly the British variety, this look is poised to have serious significance in 2015. In Brit design darling Ben Pentreath's own sitting room (opposite), he creates a collected vignette with a wood-topped Saarinen table and mismatched chairs. Muddy pink walls are soft and romantic, but offset by diverse furnishings, deep wood accents and a Beni Ouarain rug, they're just this side of feminine.

Faded pink also shows up on this standout bathroom wardrobe (left). which looks serene against the soft grey walls. Paired with a modern tub, it feels dynamic, a contrast that's integral to the British Eclectic look. A rug in soft, delicate colours is another key element, especially one that looks slightly worn. Warm metal accents balance the romanticism. keeping the space from feeling too sweet.

Get the Look



The Palette



Brinjal (222), Farrow & Ball. Pink Ground (202), Farrow & Ball.

LEFT: From top: Kalos Emb GWF-3301 in Pink/Sage by Groundworks, Lee Jofa; Kohana in Camellia, Romo.

1. Use a botanical print for a flourish of colour. Pinier Trellis by Natural Curiosities. From \$2,687 to \$2,888 (unframed). At Elte and Celadon. 2. Intricately patterned dinnerware glams up a dressed-down table. Les Rêves Byzantins service plate by Versace for Rosenthal. \$319. At William Ashley China. 3. Wedgwood teacups in rich colours fit perfectly into a look that's rooted in history. Jasperware Dancing Hours teacup and saucer set. \$1,675/6. At William Ashley China. 4. A Berber-style rug adds subtle pattern. Souk rug. From approx. \$160 (2' x 3') to \$2,372 (9' x 12'). At DwellStudio. 5. The textured top of this luxe table is made from pen shell. Caracas side table. Approx. \$994. Through Jonathan Adler.





LEFT: Glamour moves in a new, more curated direction. Art is an important element, adding visual interest and understated luxury to otherwise quiet spaces.



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STYLE EXPERT

"In elegant interiors, all the elements are useful and simple - nuances resonate more than sweeping statements. Subtlety is timeless"

Katherine Newman, interior designer

GREAT FOR sophisticated aesthetes with an affection for shapely furniture, lovers of subtle glamour and art, those who prioritize quality.

Understated colour, elegant lines and a restrained hand are the foundations of this trend. And, as seen in this impressive dining room (opposite), the work of French designer Damien Langlois-Meurinne, a serene palette and luxe fabrics are equally important. Handsome upholstered chairs offset the

organic lines of the table's base, while a standout floor lamp could easily double as sculpture. Instead of books, boxes or vases, small-scale statuary elevates tabletops.

In Calvin Klein creative director Francisco Costa's bedroom (above), designer Mark Cunningham chose a tailored headboard and crisp bedding, both of which speak to an emphasis on immaculate execution and finishes. Close attention is paid to subtle texture, like the grasscloth wallpaper that envelops the room.

The Palette



Bauhaus (6L1-2), Beauti-Tone. Reservoir Blue (RL1812), Ralph Lauren. 1. Abstract sculptures bring polish to tabletops. Small Mobius sculpture by Oly Studio. \$480. At South Hill Home. 2. A silk rug with an understated pattern adds a hint of visual interest. Illusion Kebriti rug. \$3,950 (6' x 8'). At Weavers Art. 3. This leggy desk has a surprising touch: a velvet lining. Reveal desk by Keno Bros. \$4,880. At Elte. 4. Oversized graphic artwork energizes a refined space. Black & White Abstract Painting 2 by Natural Curiosities. From approx. \$1,472 (unframed). At Elte and Celadon. 5. A mod matte black sconce with contrasting metallic interior heightens the drama. Grace sconce. \$4,450. At Avenue Road.

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"White walls and linens create a canvas for a bright flower or rug. Your eye is drawn to the pop of colour, transforming your space in one stroke" — Heidi Merrick, fashion designer

GREAT FOR well-travelled bon vivants. laid-back collectors, grown-up bohemians with a penchant for bold colours and stripes, the gypset.

South America is having its moment in the design world. In fashion designer Heidi Merrick's Los Angeles home (opposite), the vibe is relaxed and happy. A modern daybed is draped in a traditional Bolivian frasada blanket, and its orange, purple and pink

stripes give the space a decidedly upbeat feel. A cowhide rug, wicker rocking horse and bright bougainvillea feel properly Spanish.

This Beverly Hills living room (below) by designer Schuyler Samperton is a looser interpretation. A striped throw is a reference to frasadas. Dark wood features prominently, but is tempered by the bright pinks of the drapery, chairs and pillows, which give the trad shapes a spicy jolt. The effect is a cheerful space that feels summery year-round.



The Palette



Dulux.

Rumor (1D1-8), Beauti-Tone.

1. Classic terracotta gets

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a refined update in this pitcher and bowl by Reiko

Kaneko. Pitcher, approx. \$109; bowl, approx. \$108. Through The Future Perfect. 2. A rough, bark surface has the look of rope on this vintage table. Brazilian demilune table. \$1,895. At Kantelberg + Co. 3. A cascading hot pink floral arrangements by Sarah Winward adds colour and energy. 4. With their bright stripes, these frasada-style pillows are lively and fun. Alpaca pillows. From approx. \$300 (16" x 22") to \$325 (20" sq.) each. At L'Aviva Home. 5. This intricately carved mirror is evocative of the sun. Peruvian artisan mirror. \$49. At West Elm. 6. Worn leather is integral to this look; an iron frame and whip stitch give this chair interest. Leather Acapulco chair. \$875. At Green Light District.