

We want to address the myth that "neutrals are boring." Classifying neutral tones and pieces as 'boring' or 'dull' only inhibits the potential style, elegance, and versatility of a space. With over 40 years in the industry consistently providing the perfect combination of style and elegance for all of their clients, the 2013 Best of our Valley winner La Maison Interiors provides seven simple suggestions why you should incorporate neutrals into your interior design.

- '7 Reasons Why Neutral Rooms Are NOT Boring'
- 1) **Versatility:** Practicality is NOT overrated. It's quite underrated, actually. Neutral colors match and coordinate with the most versatile palette of colors and textures than any other shades. This leaves you with the ability to match and change your design space whenever needed.
- 2) **Soothing and calming qualities:** Creating your own personal environment is one of the most vital aspects when designing. It's your space, where you come to rest. Whether it's a single room or an entire complex, neutral colors extinguish all rapidly stressful thoughts and vibes. Neutrals create that calming atmosphere to make your space more livable: turning your house into a home, and room into a haven.
- 3) You can add a "pop" of color: Finding statement pieces in different colors and textures is one of the most fun and exciting experiences while decorating, especially for the creative and extroverted. That neutral palette in a room allows for you to add any pop of color to inspire the direction and tone of a room. You also save time and money when wanting to change the style of a room at any time; you'll only have to change around the accent pieces rather than the entire space.
- 4) **Neutral can be a "safe" color palette:** For the not-so-daring while designing, neutrals always act as a color palette 'safe zone' in any room or space. It allows you the ability to keep the space soft without getting too overwhelmed with different colors and themes.
- 5) Allows the use of different textures: Many neutral fabrics also have wonderful textures, which are definitely NOT boring. Textures in any piece are just as important as color palettes. They also add tone and style to the room. A good rule of thumb: the more neutral the colors, the more fun you can have with texture.
- 6) **Coincide with desert living:** What better inspiration than the one right outside your door? The beautiful Arizona desert (not to mention those breathtaking sunsets) is a fashion trend that has lasted through the ages for interior design. Neutral tones coincide perfectly and act as the infrastructural base for desert living inspiration.

7) **They translate to sophistication:** We all loved our pink butterfly walls growing up or our sports collection-filled dorm rooms throughout college. Though those spaces fully defined your loves or current obsessions at the time, you can't say that those designs, or lack-there-of, can be classified as mature or sophisticated. Decorating with neutrals exudes a collective and well-respected sophistication rather than a stressful eclectic filled space.



Trending tip: Grey is considered a neutral and is a trending replacement for beige.

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