

Know Your Rug

Traditional, Contemporary and Transitional

A rug serves as an anchor to the room. Choosing the right style for yourself is the key. There are three main design categories in rugs; Traditional, Contemporary and Transitional. But what comes to mind when you imagine a traditional rug? What about a contemporary or transitional rug. We're going to lay out the major differences between them. You may find it helpful when you begin to shop for rugs for your home.

Traditional Rugs

Traditional rugs are modern-day representations of time-honored European and Asian patterns, representing the culture and the story of history. Their designs and patterns are sometimes centuries old and they add a touch of luxury and elegance to any room. They typically have complex, intricate patterns in earthy tones; floral, borders, and central medallions in shapes like diamonds, octagons, and hexagons. Tend to be

thought of as formal; however, they can certainly be at home in casual living spaces. Soumaks, dhurries, and kilims are popular rug types, they usually contain elements of traditional designs.

Contemporary Rugs

Contemporary rugs sometimes remind us of a piece of modern art and are the perfect addition to architectural space. They often integrate bold design and unusual design elements. Generally characterized by stark contrasts, interesting uses of color, and geometric or free-form style elements. Contemporary rugs are the perfect complement – or centerpiece.

Transitional Rugs

Transitional rugs are a midway point between traditional and contemporary, incorporating elements of each style. It aims to provide the elegance and timelessness of a traditional pattern with a little less 'formality'. It often features

repeating design elements in an all-over pattern, whether classic designs like floral and medallions to modern, geometric. Contrast is the key, for example, traditional, classic designs in modern colors like gray or mauve and vice versa.

It is very popular as they please a wide variety of tastes and fit a wide variety of spaces.