



THE *House* MINISTRY

Not sure of your Style? Here are some ways to discover it.

Finding your sense of style is more about finding out what you are drawn to than initially pigeonholing your taste into a single genre description like traditional, modern or minimalistic. Creating a personalised home is about the bringing together of many elements.

1. **Take inspiration** from somewhere that has resonated with you – perhaps a hotel you love, clothing or lifestyle brand, images found on Pinterest or in a home magazine – what is it about the message it gives you that appeals? Elegance and sophistication? Influenced by Nature or natural materials? Kick off your shoes, be yourself relaxing and comfortable? Effortlessly cool, with quirky fun touches?
2. What are the **shapes and finishes** of your favourite pieces of furniture and lighting? Are there more plain, clean lines than ornate squirls? Is your preference for painted, metal, glass or wooden pieces. Are the seats firm and tailored or soft and squishy put your feet up kind of style, with lots of scatter cushions or very plain?
3. **Colours and textures** – Take a look in your wardrobe for clues here. What are your favoured colours and textures? Plains or patterns? Prints or checks? Velvets, linens, sparkles, chunky weaves? Are you drawn to bold bright colours, luxe metallics or muted naturals?
4. **Interests and passions** – what are they? Are you a memorabilia fan, a fitness addict, a keen cook, an amateur photographer, antiques and art collector etc? These will dictate both the importance and use of certain parts of the house and also influence the artworks you will want to display on the walls.
5. **Clutter tolerance** - if it's an absolute no, then a more pared back look with hidden storage, everything in its place and a few well chosen objects or artworks around is likely to be your thing. A more adorned room can still have plenty of storage, but will have a lot more things on show, and layers of styling.
6. **Overall feel.** How do you want your space to feel? Elegant, sophisticated and more formal or laid back put-your-feet up contemporary, country house chic, bang on trend with the latest gadgets? An ideal place for parties, or a private retreat. Stimulating or calming?

A well designed space will draw on your personal influences and bring all the threads together. It will be thought through and intentional. When you are bombarded daily with visual images and messages about what is on trend, before embarking on a redecoration it is critical to turn down the volume and focus on what really matters to you and what will continue to bring you joy for the long term. **Design Discovery** is a key step in our Design Phase.

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