



How To Include Texture, Pattern, Shape And Proportion In Your Home

With the modern slick look around these days, some of these elements might have been forgotten and left out or not even considered.

Even in a modern house, if everything is shiny and smooth, it can look bland and a bit on the 'cool' side.

You can warm up a house with these elements and give it some interesting focal points.

Using texture in glass (splash backs, wall panels to divide rooms, balcony glass), cushions, fabrics, rugs (like the new shaggy leather look), plants (spiky or architectural), pots (old bronzes or glossy and new), accessories from around the world and collector's items all add a "touchy feely" dimension to a room. The magazines are full of beautiful ideas.

Pattern in rugs, fabrics and accessories add a visual interest to the living space.

Shape of furniture and accessories either give it the straight modern edge or with rounded soft shapes, a more cosy, comfortable feel.

Proportion is so important. If you have a large space you can buy large furniture but watch out if you don't have a large space. You can end up with a small looking room crowded with furniture and no room to move. Lots of small pieces of furniture in a large room, on the other hand will make the room look cluttered.

Measure your space (and doorways and even elevators in apartments) before you go furniture shopping to avoid disappointment later if it doesn't fit.

Mixing interesting textures with pattern and shape all in the right proportion leads to a space that works. It has visual interest, movement and space and it creates an individual feel.