

JUST A NOD

NeoDeco

Art Deco glamour gets a modern—and more livable—update.



Art Deco has never exactly been known for restraint. Born in the 1920s, the style reveled in rich color, gleaming finishes, strong geometry and unabashed glamour. Now those influences are finding their way into interiors again—but with a decidedly modern edit.

That means keeping the glamour while losing some of the excess.

“Where traditional Art Deco often featured ornate detailing and color-drenched interiors, NeoDeco takes a more edited approach,” Wood says. “It pares back the ornamentation, creating



Channel-tufted furniture, glass, and warm metallic finishes bring the style.

“NeoDeco is a fresh, modern interpretation of the glamorous Art Deco style that emerged in the 1920s,” says interior designer Tennille Wood of [Beautiful Habitat Interior Design](#) in Westminster, Colorado. “It embraces the rich color palettes, warm wood tones, and luxurious materials that made the original movement so iconic, while adapting it for the way we live today.”

spaces that feel refined rather than overly decorated.”

And that makes it particularly well suited to a little experimentation. You don’t need to redo a room from top to bottom to bring in the look. A few well-chosen elements can give your home just a nod to NeoDeco.

Shape Up

Start with one of the style’s most recognizable characteristics: its shapes.

“One of the hallmarks of both Art Deco and NeoDeco is the interplay between strong geometry and soft curves,” Wood says. “Arches, fluted detailing, and channel tufting instantly evoke the style.”

She suggests something as simple as a fluted table lamp, a cabinet with fluted or arched doors, or a chair with channel-tufted upholstery.

Add a Little Glamour

Materials offer another easy way to hint at the style.

“NeoDeco embraces materials that reflect light and add a touch of glamour,” Wood says. “Glass, marble, and warm metallic finishes like brass or gold are perfect choices.”

A sunburst mirror, marble table lamp or metallic accessories can introduce that Deco sparkle without overwhelming the room. Warm wood tones—particularly walnut—also play an important role.

“When paired with metallic finishes like brass, they create the rich combination and understated glamour that Art Deco is known for,” Wood says. Velvet adds another layer of depth, texture and luxury.



Make a Color Move

If the budget allows for only one update, Wood would put her money on color.

“Color has an incredible ability to transform the mood of a space while requiring a relatively modest investment,” she says.

That could mean a dramatic paint color or geometric wallpaper, but it doesn’t have to involve a Saturday spent with a paint roller. Deep shades can also come in through pillows, artwork and decorative objects. Wood suggests velvet pillows in colors such as emerald green or burgundy, particularly when paired with warm woods or geometric patterns.

The key is using those saturated colors selectively rather than everywhere.

“Rich colors should be balanced with warm neutrals, and decorative details should feel intentional rather than abundant,” she says.

Know When to Stop

And that may be the most important part of pulling off the trend.

“The biggest mistake is recreating Art Deco instead of embracing NeoDeco,” Wood says. “Traditional Art Deco is known for its dramatic color drenching, bold ornamentation, and lavish details. NeoDeco takes a more restrained approach. It captures the glamour and richness of the original while editing out the excess.”

Rather than relying on a single statement piece—or filling the room with

every Deco motif you can find—Wood recommends thoughtfully layering a couple of complementary elements. Pair an Art Deco-inspired mirror with a deep, moody wall color, for example, or velvet pillows with fluted or arched accessories.

The result should feel sophisticated and livable rather than like a reproduction of another era.

After all, you don’t have to live like it’s 1925 to borrow a little of the decade’s glamour. A rich color here, a graceful arch there, perhaps a flash of brass—and that may be all the nod you need. 🌿