



Using grey tones help de-clutter a busy space, while using books as decorative pieces is pleasing to they eye.

The Transitional Traditional: Think of this look as the halfway point between contemporary and luxury chic or bespoke. One key to achieving this look is to vary the materials, but pull back a bit on quantity from the Luxury Chic approach. Look closely at the marriage of materials, and consider adding wood or metal to the mix, especially in the use of interesting accessories.

Add books as well. We most often use this combination in family room book shelves that get a lot of use and love. A great place to start if you are craving this look is to head out to local restaurants and stores on a photo survey. Take note of how many materials are used in a particular display and work to duplicate that in your own home. It's easy to add to the mix, by purchasing accessories at thrift shops and old book

stores, where the distressing is part of the package.

A key to all of this working is to budget your time so the summer blue and whites take less than one weekend to complete. Our goal is to live well and enjoy our spaces, while making quick updates without breaking the bank.

Enjoy your summer, and if you'd like us to help you redesign your spaces or you are interested in attending a Design Workshop — yes, it's time again to register for our Stress Free Holiday Home workshop, as we go shopping at market in August — let me know with an email: ann@couturechateau.com. We sell out every single year. If you'd like to DIY your holiday home, you can purchase my course at www.stressfree-holidayhome.com.



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