



## **On America's Favorite Style: Traditional *with a twist***

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Yes, the decorating style that most Americans favor is Traditional with a twist. But what is that? What does that look like? Traditional style takes its inspiration from Europe; the most popular traditional styles today are French country, which is inspired by French countryside style, 18<sup>th</sup> century English, 19<sup>th</sup> century neoclassic and British Colonial Revival. Typical traditional color palettes use green and peachy tones. The windows are covered with draperies in a formal swag and panel combinations. Tassels, trims, and fringes are used, and damask is a typical traditional fabric pattern.

Traditional with a twist takes its inspiration from this style, but makes it up to date and modern. Designers that work in this style add contemporary elements to the traditional style, and creates a fresh new look.



Recent work by Ellinor Ellefson/Elle Interiors which features a traditional with a twist living room. Traditional furnishings in combination with the paisley fabric on the chairs, and the large round silver contemporary mirror makes this room feel traditional, yet up to date and fresh.



Recent work by Ellinor Ellefson/Elle Interiors.  
This bathroom combines traditional and modern features.

Two well known designers that have made Traditional with a twist their style are Candice Olsen and Darryl Carter. Even though their individual styles are very different from one another, they both use traditional elements and make them modern by adding a contemporary twist.



Dining room by Candice Olsen. See how she uses traditional furnishings and fabrics, like the damask in the dining chairs, in a contemporary way.



Living room by Darryl Carter. So traditional, yet, so modern.

Rooms that are decorated with a traditional with a twist style feel timeless and elegant. If you like this style, but don't know how to achieve it, call me to schedule a first-time free consultation. Everyone deserves to live in a home that is beautiful, comfortable, and functional. To make it that way does not have to be as expensive as you might think. I specialize in creating high end looks for less, and with my long background in the art and design field, I can get you the look you dream of!



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*Ellinor Ellefson of Elle Interiors specializes in residential interior design and small commercial spaces. She believes that great spaces are for everyone and that you can achieve style and good looks while sticking to a budget. Ellinor has won several awards for her designs, and having built on her education, experience and expertise in Europe as well as in the United States, she brings a wide perspective to all her designs. Whether you need help with colors, a large remodel, or just a few hours of expert advice from an experienced interior designer - she can help! She is also experienced in Home Staging, and can help you get your house sold fast and for top dollars.*

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