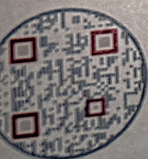


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European Elegance Meets California Cool

Infusing Italian Flair into West Coast Interiors | By Simona Corradini and Donatella Mazzini of Florentine Design



As the name of our company implies, we (Donatella and Simona) are both Italian, and our interior design style takes inspiration from the wonder that is Italy. Although we live in California, we return to our home country every year – to visit family, source from our vendors and of course, for inspiration.

Drawing from the elegance, history, and artistic heritage of Italy while blending in a more laid-back, contemporary vibe of California we create home designs for our clients that are stylish, classic yet fresh, and beautifully liveable. Would you like to bring a bit of Europe into your California home? Here are a few design tips, along with photos from our most recent trip, this summer:

Classic Meets Modern

Think of a sleek, minimalist living room adorned with a vintage Venetian mirror or a rustic Tuscan dining table paired with modern chairs. This juxtaposition creates a unique and eclectic aesthetic that is both sophisticated and inviting.

Natural Materials and Textures

Italian design emphasizes the use of natural materials like stone, marble, wood, and wrought iron and brass. Consider pairing a marble sink reminiscent of an Italian villa with a modern kitchen; or terracotta tiles to bring warmth and texture to a patio, reminiscent of the landscapes of Tuscany.

Artisanal Craftsmanship

From hand-painted ceramics to custom-made furniture, investing in quality pieces sourced in Italy not only enhances the aesthetic appeal but also creates a sense of connection to European artistry and heritage.

Earth Tones and Neutral Palettes

Italian interiors often feature a palette of earthy tones, inspired by the natural surroundings. Warm beiges, soft browns, and muted greens evoke the tranquility of the countryside.

Maximizing Natural Light

Taking full advantage of natural light is a concept that Italians and Californians share. Large windows and open

floor plans invite light in; sheer curtains or strategically placed mirrors can enhance this effect.

Indoor-Outdoor Flow

Taking inspiration from Italian courtyards and terraces, add comfortable seating areas, outdoor kitchens, and lush greenery to the backyard.

Al Fresco Dining

Adding a rustic wooden table, string lights, and potted plants evokes the charm of an Italian piazza and encourages leisurely meals under an open sky – embodying the relaxed, communal spirit of both cultures.

Curated Collections

Europeans, particularly Italians, have a knack for curating collections of art, books, and antiques. Californians can adopt this approach by displaying personal collections that tell a story and add character to their homes.

Timeless Elegance

Choose pieces that transcend trends – quality over quantity, classic pieces, and a cohesive design scheme can create interiors that are both stylish and enduring.

To see more of what is possible when bringing Italian aesthetics and sensibilities into California homes, visit www.florentine-design.com



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