



“fresh and simple things.”

a low-key path to harmonious living

chipped paint, weathered wood and imperfect handmade linens decorate without apology. Found items are very wabi sabi. Life is imperfect, impermanent and incomplete, and there's a simple beauty in letting your home reflect it.

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for having company? Keep a welcoming teapot or coffeepot at the ready, too.

Don't be confused! This style isn't about settling or complacency. It's about creating an intimate space. Instead of expressing yourself through home objects, make home a clean slate where you can just be. Instead of focusing on where to place a piece of furniture for the best energy flow, focus on how it was made. Have you chosen an antique, something that brings its own history to your home? Was it made of recycled or sustainable materials?

Purge items that don't enhance your life, but don't get stressed over the details. A chipped plate, a coffee cup ring on the table and well-worn upholstery just give your place a living history. With wabi sabi style, it's hip to be unpretentious.

On a rainy afternoon, try clearing absolutely everything out of one room. (Having clutter isn't living with ease — it's chaotic.) Reintroduce items one by one according to their purposefulness and beauty. When you have enough furnishings to read a book tranquilly and take a cup of tea, stop and do it.

The wonderful thing about unconventional beauty is that it is endlessly encompassing. Let rust,

maple, and muted shades of green. Your living room, for example, could house plenty of soft seating for guests with cozy blankets, a coffee table from recycled glass and wood with a striking grain, a bevy of candles for ambient light, and a vase or two of unfettered flora. Place a sisal rug off-kilter on a bare floor and perhaps add a treasured painting. That's it. What else do you really need but comfortable space for being alone that's equally comfortable

When in doubt, leave walls and furniture unpainted and unvarnished. Natural hardwood flooring, bare concrete and exposed brick are all perfect in their simplicity. Not only is wabi sabi frugal, it saves a lot of housework. Without decorative molding and dust-catching bric-a-brac, there's less to clean. As far as the color palette goes, take inspiration from the outdoors. Choose terra-cotta reds, ash grays, browns from creamy oak to chocolate

Wabi sabi	Not-so-sabi
Fresh loose flowers	Arranged bouquets
Antiques	Faux 'tiques
Handmade goods	Logos
Recycled furniture	Matching bedroom or sofa sets
Hemp, linen, wool, cashmere	Stainless steel, linoleum, plastics
Earthy colors	Pop brights
Simplicity	Clutter
Matte	Shine
Comfort	"Styled"
Irregular shapes	Symmetry
Materials found in nature	Ultra-modern design

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