Good design is all about the mix. Homes that feel curated, whether they lean more modern or more classic, have a sophisticated yet approachable feel to them. If a home is more classic a modern piece of furniture can keep the space from feeling heavy. Likewise if a home is modern, a well-placed traditional or classic accent can warm up the room. Here are five ways you can mix styles in your home!

1. Mix curves and straight lines in every room. For example, a modern coffee table and a soft sweeping sofa create energy in a space. Likewise a modern sofa paired with Jacobean stools bring in a touch of the unexpected.

2. Blending classic antique lighting with modern dining furniture works well in any style home.

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3. Using modern art with traditional and classic rugs makes a home feel collected and fresh. It also works to mix traditional art with modern rigs and textiles.

In the bathroom, don’t shy away from mixing traditional patterns with modern bath fittings. The contrast in styles creates a fresh look!

This classic damask wallcovering creates a bold backdrop for a simple freestanding tub and black tub filler.
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5. The style of your cabinet hardware does not have to match the style of your cabinet. Play around with scale and texture to create a custom result.