

A quiet style with its roots in ancient religions and philosophies, Asian décor is intriguing. It can be simple, with minimal lines and curves, or it can be intricate, boasting detailed carvings or the fanciful imagery of Chinoiserie. The pieces are always a balance of light and harmony, and represent the organized life of busy, creative cultures that revere space and privacy in the midst of burgeoning populations.

Geometric patterns are a big component in this style, from roomdividing shoji screens to stacked Pagoda-shaped shelving. Multifunctional pieces are common, inspired by life on the Pacific Rim. Lanterns, ginger jars and Foo Dogs (Chinese guardian lions) are

Cherry blossoms and chrysanthemums are popular floral themes and orchids styled in Zen-like compositions play a huge role.

High gloss finishes are a staple of this trend. Not necessarily the screaming brilliance of the legendary lacquered furnishings from the early dynasties, but polished whites, accented with gleaming gold and updated to appeal to many.

Easy to bring into any home with the addition of a few well-chosen pieces and accessories, Asian influence can be readily adapted to our coastal environment with the use of turquoise and natural materials like grass cloth or bamboo.









The unusual shape and gilded faux bamboo accents give this mirror visual interest.



This fretwork pagoda style étagère in a brilliant white lacquer finish can house your treasures.

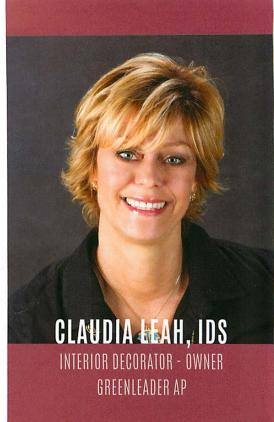


This fabulous folding screen with gold-leafed frame and hand-assembled oyster shells adds architectural dimension to a room.

By incorporating items with Asian influences in shades of blue, you can create a look that works well in our coastal environment.



Pieces like this classic temple jar with intricate gold zigzag and loop pattern, add a little Far East inspiration to any room.



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