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COTTAGE COUNTRY: A FLARE FOR THE OLD-FASHIONED

Cottage Country, similar to shabby chic, furniture is quickly becoming a new trend for the less-than modern homeowner. Unlike the asymmetrical lines and vibrant colors of our current modern style, cottage country is full of simple colors and distressed woodworking.

The cottage style home décor is cozy and unassuming, combining with the past and the present.

In cottage décor, pieces are often adapted from one use to another. For example, a bench might serve as a coffee table, an old kitchen cupboard can hide towels in a bathroom, or a kitchen table might become a desk.

While there can be many colors and patterns in a cottage style setting, it's good to have a unifying theme.

Classic cottage is overstuffed upholstery, soft floral fabrics and painted woods. It's one of the hottest trends around that mixes new, worn, elegance and above all, comfort.

The classic cottage style creates an inviting atmosphere that makes

you want to hang out with friends. Simplification is the mainstay of cottage design: use a monochromatic color scheme (traditionally white), leave the shelving open and accessible, use flat panel doors and cabinetry with minimal detailing. A colorful, comfortable look characterized by painted and/or decorated furniture with graceful lines, textural elements like baskets, beadboard walls and natural fiber rugs, weathered finishes and colors taken straight from a lush flower garden.

There is no particular rhyme or reason to creating this down-to-earth feel. It's typically a new twist to your grandmother's furniture.

Country furniture can be dark and natural, or might also be light and painted. Earth tones of soft whites and dark stain for the wood are traditional. One or two colors for decoration will tie everything else together. Floral patterns are the most common for the cottage country style. Add these colors and patterns to place

mats, table linens, bedding or draperies to give your home that distinct cottage country look you want.

For those who prefer to relax in a more rustic feel, this furniture style offered by our Furniture Heartland team is available in a variety of pieces.

Comfort is key, however, with comfort also comes sophistication.

The textured and worn look of most pieces gives this furniture character and a certain type of cottage charm that is very appealing.

Cottage styles are popular for their vintage good looks and casual, romantic feel. Using painted pieces, pale floral fabrics, and pretty accessories, the cottage look can take many forms.

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