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"My key to mixing old and new is using bold color, and not being afraid to combine different periods, shapes and forms. For example, in this room, the clean lines of the custom-designed sofa are juxtaposed with the opposing pair of Art Deco mahogany-and-brass armchairs."

—Jamie Drake, Drake Design Associates



"Blending quality antiques with new pieces adds instant style and character to a room, and the balance of the two is what makes a space unique. Instead of a room that anyone can duplicate, the antique is a one-of-a-kind piece that contributes to making a room classic and timeless."

—Matthew Patrick Smyth, Matthew Patrick Smyth, Inc.



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"The best decorating tip we can offer is to buy things you absolutely love and cannot live without. Even if you don't know where to put them at that moment, you will find a way to work them in, and those pieces usually become the most interesting parts of a room. If you buy something you don't like, but think you should, it is never going to work, and you will pass it every day and feel regretful!"

—Kelli Ford & Kirsten Fitzgibbons, Kirsten Kelli, LLC