

Meurice rectangle chandelier by Jonathan Adler  
from Robert Abbey Furniture



Arlio varietal mirror  
from Korson Furniture



Brighton four-door storage cabinet  
from Korson Furniture



Art deco pattern from Dana Daniels  
at danadecals.com

Dakota end table,  
gold from Surpan



# the '20s ARE ROARING BACK IN STYLE

Glitz, Glamour & Gatsby

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**FADS COME AND GO IN THE DESIGN WORLD**, mirroring the current style, but sometimes the best looks are time-tested and true.

With the strong resurgence of Art Deco style in the past year, the 1920s just keep roaring. The glamour of Gatsby and party's extravagant swagger is influencing runways, textiles, furniture and new product designs.

Throwing back to the late 1920s, Art Deco was a movement born in the post-war boom. Yearning for the glitz and glamour of young Hollywood, the movement embraced a clean aesthetic known for its symmetry, opulence and bold lines. It gave birth to some of the world's most famous architectural statements, including New York's Chrysler Tower and the Empire State Building.

The Royal Connaught was Hamilton's answer to the Edwardian obsession. The hotel in the city's core was once a playground for the rich and famous. Visiting celebrities, athletes, royalty, business elite and politicians performed, wine and dined in the landmark hub over its 88 years in operation.

After sitting empty for the past decade, the Connaught will be revived as the highly-anticipated Residences of the Royal Connaught.



The hotel's indelible three-storey art deco lobby will be refurbished, highlighting the original glass staircase, mezzanine and architectural columns. With 700 new condominium suites, the lobby will be restored to a bustling hub featuring a sleek coffee bar and a baby grand piano.

I've been busy working on the final embellishments for the lobby launch. In the meantime, I'm eager to share of my design inspiration.

**Looking to take a note from this dramatic redesign for your home? Here are my Top 5 Deco Design tips:**

#### 1 Introduce geometric patterns

This can easily be done by using bold wallpaper on a feature wall in your home or laying a statement rug down under a symmetrical seating arrangement. Hunt for chevrons, zigzags, exaggerated herringbone and linking geometric patterns to execute this desire for all things bold!

#### 2 Reflective surfaces

The Art Deco period was all about the glam so all that sparkles is gold! Introduce lacquer, glass, mirror and steel into your interior. Consider a mirrored chest of drawers on either side of the bed to bring glitz into the bedroom. In the foyer, try mounting an over-scaled sunburst mirror above a statement black lacquer console.

#### 3 High-contrast colour scheme

Dramatic monochromatic colour can make a bold statement in any room. Get daring with your paint

brush and wrap your walls into a soft cream backdrop. Then add interest by painting all of your interior doors a dark moody and black. I like Benjamin Moore's Black Jack 2133-20.

#### 4 Exotic woods

An exotic wood piece is a must-have to contrast all the polished items that prevail in an art deco interior. Introduce one over-scaled statement piece such as a buffet in the dining room made from warm wood like ash, Madagascar ebony or walnut. Keep the lines clean and avoid any fussy detailing.

#### 5 Glamorous and romantic lighting

Use dimmers and layers of lighting to place accent on prized items like a gallery-style art gathering. Oversized wall sconces that radiate light upwards and downwards create a moody sultry glow.



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