

French Style Baroque Rococo Beds

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Baroque styled furniture is for the person who loves pompous detail, and awe-inspiring first-class luxury. Baroque beds are not commonly found in your local furniture store, as they are a very specialized rare bed that can only be found online.

These stately looks feature grand carvings, and *incredibly* ornate detail. It seems as though within the last few years this bed as been featured most painted black or in white.



Ideally, when overly ornate beds are painted, they look best when they are slightly worn or distressed which breaks up the paint finish allowing the natural wood to show through. Gloss Black also allows the intense details to shine attracting light to its surface.

Baroque furniture became in fashion with the reign of the French King Louis XIV who introduced a style of excess grandeur and luxury. Baroque furniture encouraged the privileged person of that time a chance to show off their money, wealth and status.

If you decide to decorate using Baroque elements, we can show you how to pull this look together without it feeling overwhelmed. We discuss step-by-step how you can decorate around this *magnificent* style giving your home a luxurious balanced feel.

One way of toning down very ornate furniture is to pair it with natural elements which takes the edge off of the flamboyant and flashy nature of the excessive details of this furniture. By approaching it with fabric or natural details that are rather dull and organic, it allows the eye not to be overwhelmed, and in essence creates a balance between the simple, and the ornate.



Heavy Distressed Wood, Or Liming This Furniture Looks Better Than Solid Paint

For example- Instead of painting the frame of a baroque chair a traditional gold, one can go for a cream which can be paired with a linen upholstery. When picking colors for your frame, stay away from bright whites, and opt for the greenish grays or creamed whites which have beige or green undertones. Creamy white washes over these colors can also create a depth compared to a simple painted chair.

Although white has been projected as the typical color for baroque styles, it tends to give a modern feel which is cold. The warmth of the creams, along with distressing will give more of an authentic 17th – 18th century feel than stark whites. In addition, if black is the color choice, again, distress the details of the frame which will give it more depth, showing the natural wood details.

Upholster your baroque chairs with [natural linens](#), hemp or a [natural ticking](#). The natural fabrics will allow a person to *take in* and appreciate the extravagance of the carvings without feeling overwhelmed.

There are no set rules to decorating, so pair your furniture up with what ever works in your home. I always suggest to find furniture **you love and adore** and utilize accessories to tie things together.

Remember less is more. *More* is often overwhelming and messy.

Ornate furniture is almost better with *like* pieces that tend to pull together the entire look . Opt for additional furniture with details, and cherry pick only the best furniture for your home, and get rid of the excess that just doesn't measure up or work with the stately furniture of your home.

Again, less is more in many cases. **Showcase your best furniture, and accessorize with details that will highlight your style**. If you truly are after an 18th century look, put your money into reproduction or authentic furniture, and accessorize with paintings which showcase that period in history such as portraits. You will not need as much furniture as the normal person, as less will be more with embellished furniture.

Don't be afraid of using gold in your home to pull things together. Gold works beautifully with brighter colors, as well as muted natural looks. If you love silver, work with silver leaf, and pair it with grays. Grey linens, gray throws, and natural linen gray toned pillows. Gold tends to work yellows, and creams, creamy greens with gray tones. Gold and silver serve as neutrals, so when you cannot find a color to work on your chair frame, guaranteed, either of these metallic colors will work well.





"I just want to learn as much as I can. I was always pushed into the theatre and dance – it's just taken me a long time to figure out what I wanted to do"



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The paper mask has some mesh lace
knives, both from a selection, Dolce &
Gabbana, 5 side track, £215, Yoko Saito
Jewelry: Ear rings, freshwater, both
AMF own, Diamond ring, Victoria's own
Pearl paper-matted one, £32.50,
Walter Kalle Ltd, Ch-Riv dress, in order,
New York, Vilella handbag with
pearls, £798, Jennifer Jew, yellow gold
and diamond pendant, £5,000,
long silver chain



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