

How To Decorate In The Belgian Style

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Belgian Design is about creating a calm atmosphere, quiet interior without much contrast. Belgian design is often sparse with one or two dressy pieces mixed in. Wicker is popular, along with heavily distressed furniture, pottery, and anything which looks very organic friendly.

Here are a couple tips to pulling the look off:

- Work in slip-covered furniture, light colored upholstered furniture, lighter unfinished woods, and gray, beige or white based walls.
- Go with long sofas, large coffee tables with metal bases and simple wood tops.
- Go for nicer, high end quality antiques, and less clutter. Often times their rooms are large which appear almost empty.
- Go with huge, lanterns and oversized pieces of furniture, and substantial accessories.



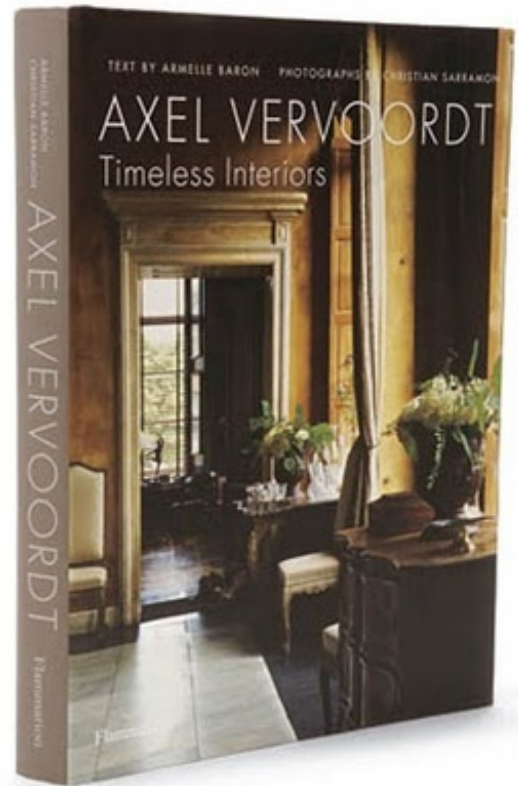
The flat in Venetian Palazzo owned by Belgian designer Axel Vervoordt, photo by Mario Ciampi

- Belgian design can present itself to be moody. Work one room in the darker grays, burnt oranges, browns and incorporate urns and vases and fabulous art work.
- Belgian style is always matte, and never shiny. The floors are always dulled down, and are never stained or varnished. Floors are often limed, or white washed, and the wood paneling is also not stained. Belgian style is about texture, depth, and intricate finishes.
- Work with gilt mirrors, worn terra-cotta, white dishes. Lamps are often made out of vases and fancy crystal chandeliers are hung from the ceiling, re-purposed into lamps for the table. Go for linen, or wool throws for the sofa and on the beds.
- Belgian design focuses on monochromatic decorating in either grays or beiges or taupes. Work within these color ranges.
- Belgian design always centers around "wood". If you want this look, focus on all things wood. Wood floors,

wood walls, wood carved accessories. Wood is found on the floors, the ceilings, the walls. Worm eaten antique furniture gives this look a rustic feeling. Wood which has been slightly beaten up appears as though it is a family heirloom.

- Old country houses with huge stone fireplaces, old shutters, stone interiors, and exteriors, old wooden beams, and light colored paneling can go a long way to getting this look. It's about reclaimed building materials being used on every surface.

Axel Vervoordt, a famous Belgian antiquarian credited with starting Belgian design. He authored several best selling books and lured people to Belgium to tour his private castle. Vervoordt's style stands among the hallmarks of Belgian design – unstained woods, furniture made from organic materials, white walls, and sparse, monochromatic interiors.





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