

# Love Vintage

*Finding Your Perfect Match...*

As the magnolia frenzy of introduced in 2000 finally draws to a close, many of us are looking at the blank canvases we have created and asking ourselves "what next?" You'll be pleased to hear that the latest design trends are now turning their backs on the bland, minimalist look we have welcomed for so long in favour of a new style, one which expresses personal taste and introduces life and character back into our homes.

If the word vintage conjures up images of dusty uncared-for junk in need of a bit of TLC – think again. The vintage look has evolved in recent years into a sophisticated, fashionable and contemporary style, which is recognised by well-respected homeowners up and down the country. What's great about this style is that it is flexible enough to suit every taste and any budget. The look you create can be anything from stylish and traditional to unusual and quirky – it's all about mixing and matching the things you like, to create an interior full of your own character and personality.

Whether you are ready to embrace the vintage look completely, or would prefer to compliment your existing interior using a selection of feature pieces, there is a vintage look out there that is right for you and we are here to help you find it. In order for the space to reflect your own personality, first you must decide which items most suit your taste and the statement you wish to make. To help you find your perfect match we've put together this simple guide. All you need to do is identify the vintage pieces that most suit your character and personal style...

Vintage chic also happens to be eco-friendly, as the concept involves recycling pieces that have been loved before, which means that your shopping guilt can be replaced with a warm fuzzy feeling inside!

## THE OLD ROMANTIC

You choose traditional pieces that bring old-world charm to your twenty-first century home. Whether it is original or reproduction isn't of huge importance, it's more about the period the piece reflects and the mood you wish to create, be it a romantic bedroom, or a Victorian kitchen. Each piece blends in as a part of the whole look, rather than standing out alone. We're sure you'll love this acanthus leaves chandelier and large, French style clock with pendulum.

**Acanthus leaves chandelier** £125  
Powder Blue Sourced through  
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**French style clock with pendulum**  
£30 Grace Home Sourced through  
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## THE STYLE CONSCIOUS FOLLOWER

Ok, so you like the idea of incorporating the fashionable vintage look into your home, but you aren't quite ready to fully immerse yourself in it just yet, then this is perfect for you. There are some great contemporary pieces out there, which are based on designs from previous eras. For example, items such as this Florence chair by local designer Steven Biddulph, will enable you to explore your own vintage style in an understated way.

**Florence chair (right)** – this is an original 1960's chair, which has been re-upholstered in a vintage style fabric £299 + fabric or hide; The same company also offer reproductions of this chair in a variety of contemporary fabrics, like the one featured left: **Steven Biddulph** Sourced through [www.iwantvintage.co.uk](http://www.iwantvintage.co.uk)



## THE PROPERTY DEVELOPER

Your old house needs a bit of attention and whether we're talking a lick of paint or a complete renovation, you can't wait to get stuck into the project. What better way to go about it than to return the house to its former glory. Vintage architectural pieces that evoke the era in which the house was built, will enable you to do just that, with quaint little details to get oh so excited about. The finishing touches will make all the difference, such as this quirky, mini ribbed glass knob, with brass mount.

**Mini ribbed glass knob** £6.50  
Powder Blue - Sourced through  
[www.iwantvintage.co.uk](http://www.iwantvintage.co.uk)



**Arne Jacobsen Designed Egg Chair**  
£5200 Danish Homestore  
Sourced through [www.iwantvintage.co.uk](http://www.iwantvintage.co.uk)

**Original 1970s museum grade telephone** £59.95, Joy - Sourced through [www.iwantvintage.co.uk](http://www.iwantvintage.co.uk)

## THE INDIVIDUALIST

You are not swayed by fashion, as you set the style for the rest of us to follow. Blending in is definitely not on the agenda and the only person that you are aiming to please is yourself. Designers and price tags are not important – It's the quirkiness that excites you. Unique and unusual vintage pieces, such as this handmade, Italian, Bitossi limited edition orange cat and this pink and black original 1970s museum grade telephone, will command attention in any interior and is certain to help you stand out from the rest of the street – But you don't need us to tell you that!

**Bitossi limited edition orange cat**  
£249 Luqa - Sourced through  
[www.iwantvintage.co.uk](http://www.iwantvintage.co.uk)

**1950s ceramic dish** £8.00  
Kathleen & Lily's - Sourced through  
[www.iwantvintage.co.uk](http://www.iwantvintage.co.uk)



## THE CONNOISSEUR

You're only interested in the best. If you are dabbling in vintage style, you are certainly going to do it properly. As you demand the finest designers, craftsmanship and materials, we recommend you take a look at mid-twentieth century furniture, such as this highly sought after **Arne Jacobsen Designed Egg Chair, Produced By Fritz Hansen**. These pieces not only marry form and function beautifully, they are also likely to prove a great investment for the future.

## THE THRIFTY

It takes a lot for you to part with your hard-earned cash and you are proud of your ability to discover bargains in the most unsuspecting of places. You'll be pleased to hear that if you look hard enough and we're sure you will, you can often find vintage pieces that are cheaper than their modern equivalent, like this 1950s ceramic dish – priced at just £8.00!