

# DECORATING TRENDS

## It's Greek To Me: Decorative Columns Add Style To Home Interiors

(NAPSA)—When building or remodeling your house, consider this: Greek architecture has long provided inspiration for elements in many architectural styles for homes, from American Colonial to Arts & Crafts. One of the most popular features of Greek architecture that is being used today dates back to the Parthenon and other prominent buildings of ancient Greece: columns.

Many of today's homes are built or remodeled with decorative columns as a key design feature. Whether you're designing your dream home or remodeling an outdated room, some thoughtful tips about the proper usage of columns can help.

### All-Natural Options

Columns are readily available in numerous species of wood, each with its own benefits. Wood columns offer timeless charm, beauty and character that only an all-natural material can exude. "Columns are an ideal way to add elegance to any room," says Joe Livengood from Crown Column & Millwork—an industry leader in the manufacturing of architectural columns. "The architectural styling and detail options are nearly endless."

### Shape and Styling

Columns come in tapered and nontapered profiles and the shaft, which is the core component of the column, can be round or square. The capital is the top portion of a column and is a bit larger than the main shaft and normally quite ornamental. Capitals, as well as column bases, come in a wide range of shapes and sizes to create



**Decorative columns can add a touch of class to almost any style of home.**

a truly unique look matching nearly every decor.

### Location

Columns are commonly found in grand entryways, foyers and porches. They are also well suited for defining formal spaces, highlighting focal points and establishing a visual transition between rooms. Since open-floor plans and great rooms are common these days, one popular trend is to create a slight separation between spaces without losing the overall flow of the open-floor concept. "Wrapping structural posts with decorative columns adds style yet helps maintain that great-room feel, where a solid interior wall would normally break up the flow," adds Livengood. "Columns are a stylish way to make the most out of available floor space."

### Learn More

For more ideas on how to incorporate style and elegance into virtually any room with decorative columns, you can visit [www.crowncolumn.com](http://www.crowncolumn.com) or call (888) 862-0880.