

LIVING EN BLANC

Designer Andrew Pike shares why working with a neutral base is nothing to shy away from.



One colour (or absence of colour) in a space can elicit a dichotomy of opinions. Often it's assumed that white is safe, standard and somewhat sterile, but in fact it's as diverse as every other colour on the spectrum. In this Modern Farmhouse style home, interior designer Andrew Pike of Andrew Pike Interiors chose to furnish the living room in a mix of almost all white tones and very little colour.

Although the kitchen and breakfast nook in this home are airy and crisp and the bedrooms threaten to sweep you away into sweet slumber, the true pièce de résistance is the formal living room. The collection of consistent shades and varied texture in the sofas, pillows, throws and rug gives the room a warm and cozy feel that's unbelievably inviting with its picture-perfect symmetry and simplistic but striking beauty.

"The living room is where the purest moments happen," says Andrew, who designed the Modern Farmhouse in a series of five new model homes in Breslau, Ontario. "It's where people feel comfortable to talk and share, where kids can enjoy carefree play after homework is done and dinner devoured; the feel should always be inviting."

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Modern Farmhouse model home at the Empire Riverland community in Breslau, ON.



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For home decor novices, an all-white room can be as intimidating as a hot-pink accent wall. To make this all-white space feel comfortably sophisticated, Andrew chose clean, streamlined pieces with lots of layers, texture and interest, while keeping everything very light with the addition of blonde woods, greenery and grey accents. "It just makes the space feel bigger and more welcoming," he says. We can't disagree; the home feels endless, like a stretch of cream-toned whites that seem to run for miles. "I painted all the walls and trim in a rich, warm white which makes them almost disappear, and leaves everything feeling fresh and light."

MEET THE DESIGNER

Andrew Pike is a nationally recognized interior designer, host and media personality. As a resident decor expert on The Marilyn Denis Show and a well-known TV personality, Andrew continues to wow the design world with his curated spaces, where you'll find not a detail out of place. See his genius in full force, including more home decor inspiration, style guides and tips for your design project in Empire's video series at [LoveDesignLiveEmpire.com](https://www.lovedesignliveempire.com) or [#LoveDesignLiveEmpire](https://www.instagram.com/lovedesignliveempire) on Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter and Facebook.