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AUTHENTICITY IS ALWAYS IN STYLE

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So much about modern life is subject to rapid change and obsolescence. It's as if whatever isn't updated becomes outdated. When it comes to architecture that we consider timeless, authenticity is the key to creating homes that express both enduring beauty and daily vitality. Architect Wade Weissmann has spent the last 20 years designing classically inspired estates of many styles around the world. These estates offer the unexpected, with unique design elements and architectural details that convey the best of American inspiration, while enabling a contemporary lifestyle.

Below, Weissmann shares his top tips for how to create a timeless classic.

- Look to history – Digital image sources such as Pinterest and Houzz are phenomenal resources, but unfortunately, you'll encounter a lot of "builder detailing" mixed in with great classics. Instead, look to houses built from the late 1800s to 1940. Custom architect-designed homes are good references, as are pattern book houses.
- Include built-ins when possible – reading nooks, window seats, butler's pantries and bookshelves, as they all evoke a timeless nod to the past.
- All good architecture, regardless of style (classical, modern or vernacular), has nicely proportioned windows and doors, which sit pleasingly in the surrounding wall. Architects are trained in understanding what this means and producing well-proportioned buildings.
- The front entry has traditionally been used in great architecture to make a powerful first impression. Use it to create a sense of welcome and a foretaste of the hospitality offered inside.

Let your house speak for you – stories and personalities don't have an expiration date. Orient spaces toward your favorite views, arrange spaces to entertain in the way you like and choose finishes that make you comfortable. Personalizing your home will prevent it from becoming trapped in the trendy and homogenous.



Wade Weissmann
Image by David Abbott



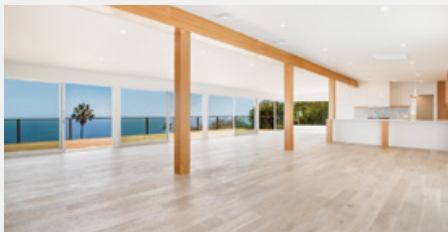
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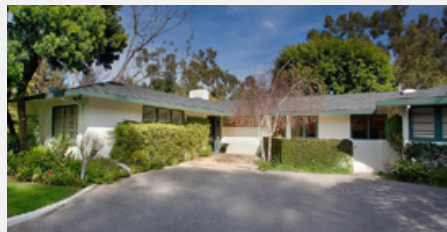
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