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Sometimes we spend too much time trying to come up with the perfect colour palette when designing a space that we forget about the absence of it. The truth about black & white is that it can be very dramatic, classy & elegant when pulled together correctly.

In a recent project my clients were looking for a overall more sophisticated main family room. They didn't want to commit to any particular colour as they wanted to have flexibility in their design options ahead. We were asked to integrate into our design the clients existing coffee table and sofa other than that this client like many gave us "Carte Blanche" creatively with their space.







**WHILE DESIGNING THIS BLACK & WHITE
THEME FAMILY ROOM WE IMPLEMENTED:**

- Dark charcoal and black drapes against a medium grey sofa to create overall contrast in the room.
- A black and white cowhide rug against a crisp black shiny glass table with chrome legs for drama.
- A stunning white leather chairs in front of a light grey wall back drop and bold simple artwork
- Reflective mirrored console table with strong black wood gives a crisp sharp edge to the piece
- An eclectic mixture of textures were used in the accessories, from basket weave candle holder, mirrors, glass vases, metals, furry cushions, patterned fabrics, silks, tapestry, suedes, velvets and glitters all creating strong visual interests and richness.
- The funkiest feature to the design was the shiny metallic black white and silver wallpaper feature that really adds drama to an otherwise dull TV wall.

Using the colours of black and whites into this space has now provided my clients with longevity and flexibility with their design in the future

They can easily add any jolts of colour such as; red, greens, yellows, blues or anything they would like as accents in the space should they desire to quickly change to adapt to future emerging colour trends.

