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## Winter 2010 Design Tips

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Most homebuyers today are looking for dramatic open spaces that support their lifestyle. I am often asked how to handle such beautiful spaces where multiple rooms are open to each other.

### Color:

Open spaces can be handled in one or two ways.

The first option is to keep the feeling fresh and open with one space seamlessly flowing into the next. In order to accomplish this, think monochromatically. Using colors that are different shades of the same tone allows for one space to subtly move into the next.

Second, treat areas of the space differently. If the foyer is open to the dining and living room, there is no reason why one space can't have more "pop" than the other. Perhaps you want to create a dramatic space around the dining table. Utilize a different color, such as a contrast color or a much darker or lighter color to create the desired feel. You can also draw the eye to a wall that may have architectural details on it by painting that singular wall differently.

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### Furniture Placement:

Consider floating a piece or a seating area. Furniture does not need to be placed against a wall. You can dress up the back of a sofa or sectional by placing a table, console, or other accent piece behind it. This will create a great space to put a lamp, pictures, or display objects of art, allowing you to create more intimate conversational areas within a large space. Keep in mind that if furniture is placed much more than eight feet apart, it becomes difficult to hear each other in conversation.

### Area Rugs:

Using area rugs of different sizes and styles is perfectly acceptable to help define areas within a large open space. Try and keep the rug in scale with the individual space itself; a large rug in the living room helps enhance a seating area, a rug in scale works well with a dining table and chairs, a smaller rug is nice in the foyer. In addition to creating depth to your décor, it helps soften noise if you have wood floors.

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