Styling Guide
How to bring the Chair Whimsy aesthetic into your home
Mixing and matching dining chairs is the necessary start to having the eclectic farmhouse dining space you have always dreamed about. Different shapes, sizes, and colors create the perfect unexpected contrast.

Adding color on a neutral canvas is one of the easiest tricks you can do! Try using a neutral rug, like this jute one, and go crazy with chairs, seat cushions, or even pillows.
Boho Chic

A glass table is so unexpected with a boho chic decorating scheme. It does not block any color or light. Mixing an animal print with floral is another surprise coordination that pairs great together. Using a rustic wood stain gives a relaxed Bohemian vibe especially when mixed with the florals.

**PRO TIP:** Add extra chairs in the corner of your dining space. They can be statement chairs and double as extra seating for a larger dinner party.
Adding touches from travels is a way you can bring true identity to a space. Using these handmade Mexican textiles inspires an appreciation of beautiful culture and travel. Using a farmhouse table is so unexpected, but why not create your own unique touch? Textiles like these bring the needed color into a space.
Painting a wall (or entire kitchen) black is unexpected when working with a lot of color, but it puts the glam in cottage glam. Black goes with everything. Changing out the lighting to something unique (check Craigslist or your local antique shop) takes the cookie-cutter look out of a home.

DIY-ing a Craigslist table, like this one, is a great affordable way to personalize your space! Spray paint is your friend, friends! The gold really ties in the “glam” aspect to this space. Adding a rustic tray with a few dishes and flowers becomes the cherry on top for this space and one of my tricks to the 4 tablescape trade!

**PRO TIP:** Don’t skimp on window treatments. A pattern you love that provides form yet beauty will always be worth the investment.
Using shiplap on a wall instantly adds character and texture, even painted white. Shiplap can be incorporated into not only a Farmhouse style, but a Cottage style as well.

Using dishware that is more neutral and simple will allow you and your guests to focus on the star of the show if you choose to make the star your seating. Try dishes with a solid black or a plain dotted pattern.

**PRO TIP:** Try pattern play! Mix a vibrant floral with a buffalo check. You can even achieve this with a tablecloth and dishware!
Who better to take inspiration from than Parisians? Known for elegance and grace, this style speaks volumes. Mixing bohemian florals with French-inspired furnishings simply creates a stunning environment.

Use colors such as a ballerina pink mixed with crystal details as a great start to the French Bohemian aesthetic. Adding a floral painting can give you a similar feeling to this space. Light is another key ingredient. Sheer white window coverings give a sense of privacy while also not taking away from the space.

Antiques are another great addition that don’t have to cost a fortune. A buffet, such as a Craigslist find, adds an antique element and it is a great place for additional decor and dishes. The additional milk crate box found at a junk store adds character and it is also functional. Artwork that has been passed down or made for you incorporates a certain style and is personalized for you.
If you want to make your version of glam slightly more modern, try adding lucite or chrome elements. Then use original artwork to make your chairs stand out and create a modern glam effect.

Gold is a crucial element to any glam space. Mixing gold with rich jewel tones is an amazing combination to create the perfect glam space for entertaining.
Flowers are the easiest and usually the most affordable addition to any room. Try a simple bouquet, or use mason jars. Bundling small groups of flowers together creates an impact on the table. You can even split one bouquet into three mini jars and place them all around your home.

If you really want to make a statement, why not try using antique style chairs with a modern live edge table? Trust me, it works!

Using patterns of different sizes is a way to add a visual dynamic to the space. In this example, the two end chairs have a multicolor, large-scale print while the other chairs have a smaller two-toned print. This affect can be achieved with most traditional fabrics to make them more untraditional.

“The backside is just as important as the front side. Using an unexpected fabric on the back of the head chairs adds just the right flare.” - Wendy
For an unusual yet stunning look, opt for mega pattern play! To achieve “the French part” of Cottage French, use Parisian inspired florals in bold colors and a femme frame painted a perfect Parisian white. Adding in buffalo checks and a homey jute texture will have your space feeling like a cottage in no time!

**PRO TIP:** Go for something unexpected! Using a fabric with a vase on it is an elegant, yet surprising element to add to your space!
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