



Decorating Based On The Zodiac: Earth Signs

Bringing that decor down to earth with Capricorns, Virgos and Tauruses!

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In astrology, earth signs are the foundation of the zodiac. Out of all of the elements (fire, water, air, earth), the earth signs are the most practical, durable, reliable, grounded, disciplined and stable. If you are a Capricorn, Virgo or Taurus, you may find yourself eager to design a safe and comfortable space to match your inner earthy-ness. Here are some tips and a little bit of guidance for what to keep in mind when decorating as a sign of the earth. Earth Signs in General Before we break it down sign-by-sign, it is helpful to have a broad overview of the element. These builders of the zodiac often take the brunt of every other sign's emotional weight, grounding themselves in what they can see and feel to create order and peace within their relationships. Their internal life tends to be very rich and well-cultivated, resulting in a sometimes overly practical, analytical and controlled lifestyle. Interior design comes very naturally to these folks who are known to center their lives around their worldly possessions and living spaces. The sensualist earth signs love a good meal, a cozy home or a luxurious

bathtub. It isn't materialistic—an earth sign simply has a very hard time holding onto anything they can't physically touch. Unlike the ethereal and emotional water signs or the passionate and unpredictable fire signs, the signs ruled by good-ole' Earth need their feet firmly planted on the ground. This tends to result in carefully organized living spaces with plenty of emotional connection to each and every aspect. Their cautious nature doesn't translate into a conservative mindset but instead has led to a reputation for loving five-year plans, mood boards and an eye-on-the-prize attitude. Don't be surprised if an earth sign is more concerned with the big picture than the present moment. The Earthies may worry more about the overall layout of the house than frivolous decorations, with one (kind of on-the-nose) exception: plants, plants and more plants. Try as we might, we'll never be able to truly lump the tendencies and preferences of all earth signs together, so let's break it down. Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Taurus, The Wandering Bull, is just about as Earthy as it gets. A true appreciator of material pleasures, Taurus is ruled by Venus, the planet of satisfaction, and these Earthies are particularly known for loving taste and touch. Elegant and stylish, the Taurus aesthetic usually features a sophisticated vibe with a natural flair. As the coziest of all signs, Taurus values comfort as much as style, putting great emphasis on cultivating their own space. This may manifest as plush bedding, low, orange-toned mood lighting, dark wall colors such as forest green or maroon and rustic furniture. The natural tones of the space should evoke a feeling of stylish comfort and organization. For example, this writer has seen a Taurus home or two featuring impressive wooden bookshelves adorned with lush hanging plants. A little bit of a side note—Tauruses are known to love water, so aquariums can be an excellent addition to any Taurus space. Also, a clean, well-organized kitchen can be essential for keeping the food-loving sign sane. Virgo (August 23 - September 22) The mutable Virgo is often considered the master helper of the astrological wheel and is known for an incredibly strong will of character. Virgos are lovers of being in control and their decorating preferences can reflect that. For example, perfectionism is not rare in the Virgo household. "I root my Virgo-perfectionist tendencies in building a home whose environment strikes balance between organization and comfort," said Chicago designer, artist and Virgo Brontë Marsteller. "A Virgo's practical nature inspires me to arrange my space with form following function—every object has its place. I take extra attention to create a home that is useable and pragmatic." According to Marsteller, Virgos are drawn to neutral muted tones, warm lighting and an abundance of house plants, preferring organic materials for textiles and furniture that promotes calm and relaxing energy. While embracing the material world, Marsteller says she "ensures to keep a decluttered space, approaching daily cleaning as a consistent practice and not as a chore." "The work ethic of a Virgo inspires me to remember that building a home is never done and there is infinite space to continue to grow and shape your house," said Marsteller. Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Known as the hard workers of the zodiac, the sign of the goat Earthies are ambitious and devoted to their careers and goals. Capricorns tend to be practical just like their fellow Earth Signers—but can also push their drivenness into stubbornness. In the home, Capricorns often prioritize quality over quantity, investing in top-notch bedding or furniture to ensure everything is reliable and permanent. Capricorn season appropriately falls on the New Year, as this earth sign is known for setting very high personal and professional resolutions. This translates to the office, so make sure you have an optimal space to get down to business. On the other side of the spectrum, this earth sign needs plenty of room to entertain as a successful host in order to feel the most comfortable in their home. In terms of decor, tall ceilings and traditional ornamentation are often appreciated, including elegant and warm colors such as

burgundy, navy or eggshell. Think rustic exposed brick, granite countertops and leather couches. Capricorns often enjoy playing it safe, and while this can be reflected in their traditional design aesthetic, don't be surprised if they go for a bold choice once and a while.