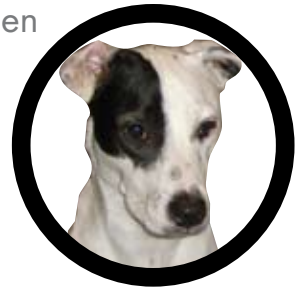


# It's Just Black



Dogs inspire many things in people: happiness, when they curl up at our feet, exercise, when they beg to be walked, and sometimes anger, when they chew the corner of the couch. But this issue, *TH&L's* beloved pooches inspired something new: a trend. Behold the reasons we love our furry friends' classic color combo.



The divinely soft Scalloped Ottoman jazzes up any room. \$3,900, available at Dillard's throughout Texas, [centuryfurniture.com](http://centuryfurniture.com)

**VERSATILE** the color combination is not only androgynous, but it suits any taste. It can go from dressy to casual, traditional to modern.

Go for a rug that looks handcrafted but makes an impression—it'll go with any furniture. Black & White Waltz Rug, Stark Carpet, 1025 N. Stemmons Fwy., Suite 280, Dallas, (214) 742-8252 or 5120 Woodway, 1010 Decorative Center, Houston, (713) 623-4034, [starkcarpet.com](http://starkcarpet.com)

**TIMELESS** just look at our canine companions—they'll never go out of style! And neither will this color duo.



Showing your wild side is always in fashion. Anne Kiel Tiger Face Circle Ring, \$97, Eliza Page, 229 W. 2nd Street, Austin, [elizapage.com](http://elizapage.com)



# and White

**CONTRAST** Each color signifies a different extreme: while black is edgy and mysterious, white is pure and innocent.



Nothing will elicit oohs and aahs like Graham & Brown Flocked Wallpapers in black and white patterns. \$40/double roll, (800) 554-0887, [grahambrown.com](http://grahambrown.com)

**IMPACT** black and white together create a striking impact, combining opposite ends of the color spectrum.

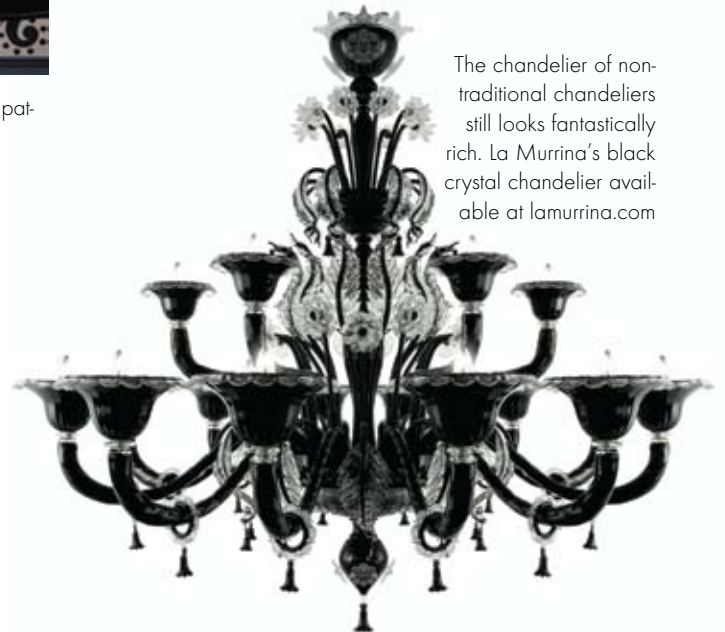


The look comes together with some classically masculine details. Tuxedo Wing Chair, \$3,600, Dillard's throughout Texas, [centuryfurniture.co](http://centuryfurniture.co)

Don't let the boot's classic shape or sweet pink and white plaid fool you—the black in there mixes it up. Donald J Pliner Vice Boot, \$815, Julian Gold, Austin, San Antonio, [donaldjpliner.com](http://donaldjpliner.com)



The chandelier of non-traditional chandeliers still looks fantastically rich. La Murrina's black crystal chandelier available at [lamurrina.com](http://lamurrina.com)



**FOIL** the perfect background for a colorful accessory in the home or on the body. Black and white play up any other shade's vibrancy.



more black and white we love:



Our art director says the dark color in the luxuriously hydrating 29 Cosmetics Wine Blot SPF 20 Lip Treatment "looks like coffee bean brown to me," but you get our point. \$23, Neiman Marcus throughout Texas, [29cosmetics.com](http://29cosmetics.com)

Dinner has never looked better—just watch for kids trying to camouflage their peas. Biarritz trays by Laboratorio Pesario, \$145-\$175, [tartontheweb.com](http://tartontheweb.com)



What's more delicious than chocolate and vanilla? Tuxedo cake available at Rather Sweet Bakery, 249 E. Main Street, Fredericksburg. Reprinted with permission from *The Pastry Queen* by Rebecca Rather. Copyright (c) 2004. Published by Ten Speed Press, photo by Laurie Smith (c) 2004.

Use a little salt and pepper in your next fabric endeavor! Chelle's indoor/outdoor Boucle Fabric in Salt & Pepper could become a blanket, tablecloth, or new chair. Allan Knight & Associates, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 101, Dallas, (214) 741-2227, [allanknightasso.com](http://allanknightasso.com)



Black and white can even be green! Use this self-deprecating tote as it demands: over and over again. USE ME Kenneth Cole bag, Kenneth Cole stores throughout Texas, including 15900 La Cantera Parkway, San Antonio, [kennethcole.com](http://kennethcole.com)



Decoration, pampering, and sipping all roll into one Mighty Fine Tea black-and-white Abaca Spa Box. \$24.95, [mightyfine.com](http://mightyfine.com)

The black buttons even out the girliness of this ruffled top. AS IS by Alvin Valley, \$213, Muse, 2411 W Alabama, Houston, (713) 520-6873, [musehouston.com](http://musehouston.com)