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Let Lighting Shine

Lighting is an essential component in terms of creating mood and ambience. The architecture in Parisian-style residences typically features quite elaborate ceilings, so I recommend incorporating dramatic floor lamps, table lamps, and wall sconces, which will brighten a room even when not illuminated, Hazarian says. She also says that including at least one spectacular chandelier in an interior is a must, especially in the dining room or any room where romance and glamour are part of the ambience and function of the room.

Sconces are a great way to illuminate hallways, staircases, and rooms.

Focus on Furniture

“For me, the furniture era that defines a Parisian-chic home is the 20th-century French Art Deco period,” Hazarian says, noting that this period’s designers—including Émile-Jacques Ruhlmann, Jean Michel Frank, Andre Arbus, and Jacques Adnet—created interiors and furnishings that were the epitome of sophisticated simplicity. While she says any furniture, either antique or modern, can be incorporated into a Parisian apartment, the use of side tables and occasional tables with different types of chairs is a very French way to decorate.

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Curate a Collection

One of the hallmarks of a Parisian-chic interior is the casual, collected-over-time look. Hazarian suggests piling books on the floor and on side chairs, card tables, desks, and accent tables. "Don't worry about styling books that fit together by theme or size: Blending together different cultures and periods shows the true appreciation of art and design," she says.

And the French regularly shop for objects--from vases and collectibles to paintings and sculptures--at flea markets, antiques galleries, and art galleries.