

# A Touch of Blush

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Happy Valentine's Day! I do not know about you, but the holidays, as much as I absolutely LOVE them, are exhausting! Throw in my birthday, client installs, corporate parties, Christmas tree set up and take down, New Year's Eve AND New Year's Day, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, Boat Parade parties . . . whew! I am tired! You get it! But we are all in this together, right?

So we get a mere month to recover and then it is Valentine's Day! Just you and your "plus one," Mr. or Mrs., partner or love. The interiors in the home in this article are, I felt, very warm and feature the 'It' color of the moment . . . blush pink.

Ironically, the project was completed over 15 years ago for a client in a Chicago suburb. It is more traditional than is popular today, but all signs in the design world are pointing to traditional making a huge rebirth, or as Barclay Butera coined the phrase, "Traditional with a Twist." Our furniture licensing partner, Phil Haney, President of Lexington Home Brands, calls it the "New Traditional". If we were to do this room today, the mix of blush and chocolate would most likely be replaced with gray tones. The floral wallcovering would be a striking shimmery gray grasscloth. There would likely be less accessories. Today, most people prefer a sparser, clean, less 'cluttered' look. I, however, love my things! "More is more" is my mantra. But that is not to say I do not design for today's aesthetic. It is just how I live in my personal homes, which you can see in our coffee table book, "Past, Present, Inspired". It is a book of 20 homes owned by Barclay and I over the past 24 years.

Blush is timeless. It is everywhere right now. It is having a moment in the spotlight because who doesn't love a pink top with a great tan? And doesn't everyone look better in pink light? I do not know, but I love a little blush in my life. And I think you will, too!

