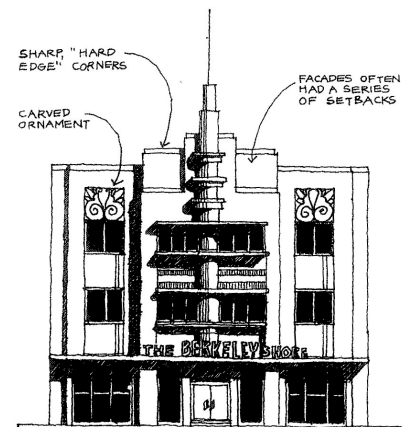


ART DECO

1920's

The Art Deco style became a fad by the late 1920s and remained popular into the 1930s. It is known for extensive use of decoration. It was very angular and geometric. Hard edges, geometric shapes and bright colors emphasized the style. The Art Deco style was popular with and most famous for its commercial buildings, but rarely found in homes. There are no examples of an Art Deco home in Ontario, but there are several examples of Art Deco commercial buildings.

Several famous landmark buildings in Southern California are excellent examples of the Art Deco style, including the Eastern Building and Bullock's Wilshire.



ART DECO WAS A RARELY USED STYLE FOR HOUSES

COMMON FEATURES

- Smooth wall surfaces, usually stucco (smooth plaster finish)
- Flat roof with coping
- Towers and other vertical projections
- Decorative motifs such as chevrons, zigzags (usually on towers)
- Geometric shapes
- Hard corners
- Carved ornaments
- Fluted columns and pilasters

WINDOWS

Windows were typically grouped to create strong vertical lines and to emphasize the tower elements.

DOORS AND STOREFRONTS

Storefronts were typically large plate glass windows with a short bulkhead located on the ground. Doors were typically glass with metal frames, usually painted to resemble copper or other metals (or similar treatment).

COLORS

The Art Deco style is known for their bright colors. Colors are usually pastels, with the darker color for the base. Metallic colors such as copper, brass and gold were used on windows and doors. The best examples of the use of color are in South Beach, Florida.

