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How to Introduce Organic Decor Into Your Home

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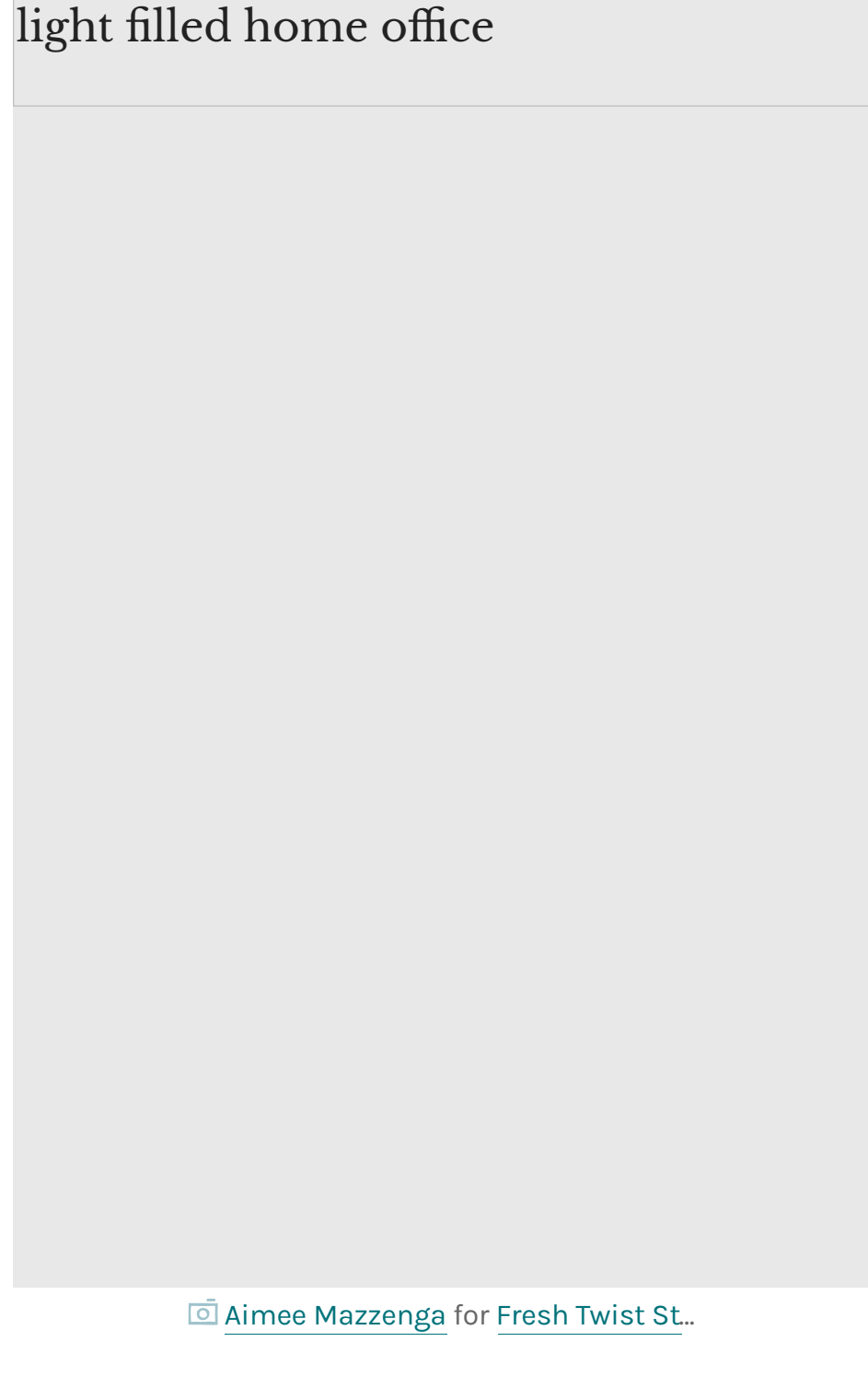
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Organic textures and materials are having a major moment in the design world, and we're seeing natural touches being integrated into more and more spaces, in the form of reclaimed wood furniture, plant life, woven designs, and more. Why is this look such a hit? "Our hectic lives have become less formal and these organic elements are putting our minds at ease," said designer Layton Campbell of [JLayton Interiors](#). Designer [Liles Dunnigan](#) agrees. "Organic décor is so loved because it creates a sense of warmth and calmness to the space, and who doesn't need that?"

To gather insight on how individuals can easily add organic touches to their homes, we spoke with designers who shared simple steps that you can implement in your space today.

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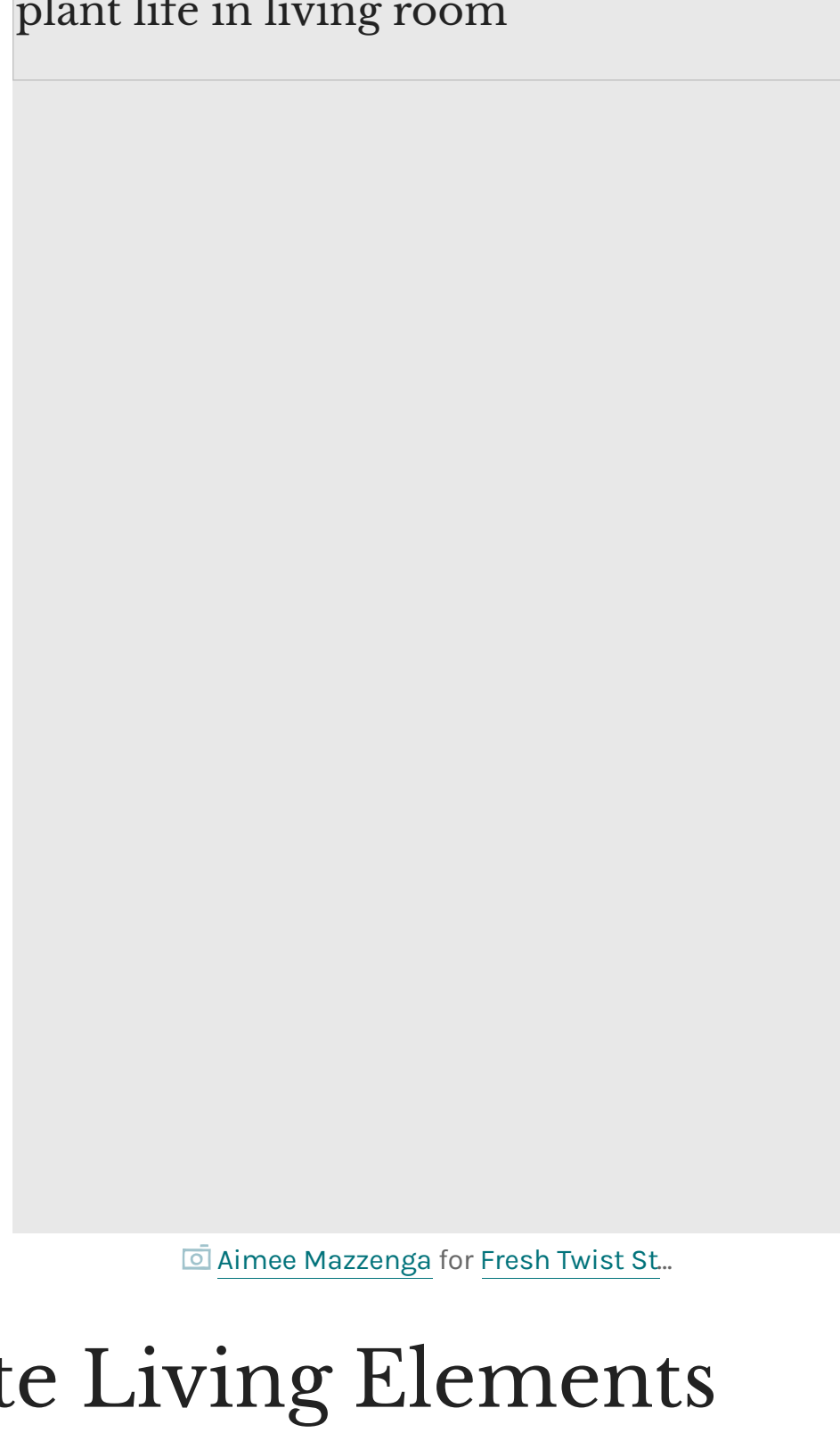
- **Layton Campbell** is the founder of [JLayton Interiors](#), based in Charlotte, NC.
- **Liles Dunnigan** is the co-founder of [The Warehouse](#), based in Raleigh, NC.
- **Anne Kokoskie** is the founder of [Styled by A.R.K.](#), based in Greenwich, CT.



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Let the Light Shine In

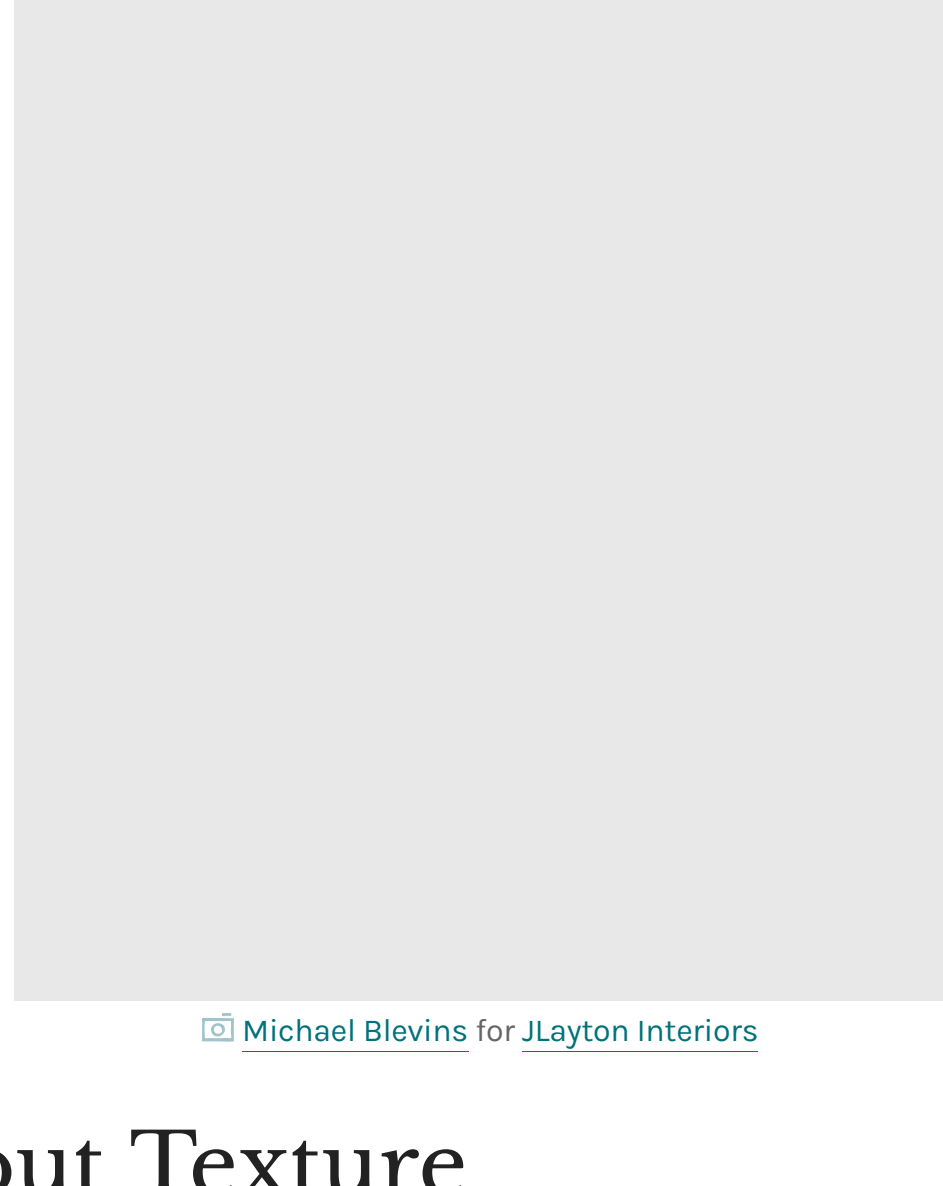
Organic spaces are light-filled, and, as designer Anne Kokoskie of [Styled by A.R.K.](#) notes, "Natural light is the best light bulb!" Thus, this valuable resource should be prioritized throughout your space. "Open the blinds, draw back the curtains, and even consider upgrading your [window package](#)," Kokoskie suggests. You'll be grateful you did. "Making a conscious effort to look at what you can do to draw in natural light not only enhances color, it adds a sense of warmth."



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Incorporate Living Elements

If organic touches are something that you crave, you'll most definitely want to add some plant-like accents into your home. The good news is that these can be quite affordable and easy to source on a whim. "Living elements such as [moss in a vase](#), fresh flowers on a table, and a living tree in the corner only adds to the growth and discussion of a room," Kokoskie noted. "I love an indoor fern in a sea grass stand. It's a wonderful balance of natural fibers complimented with a living element of green that brings forth color and texture." And incorporating plant life can bring about further benefits. "I also believe we are being reminded of the fragility of our planet and how we must protect it," Campbell said. "Showcasing its beauty in our homes is keeping this forefront in our lives."



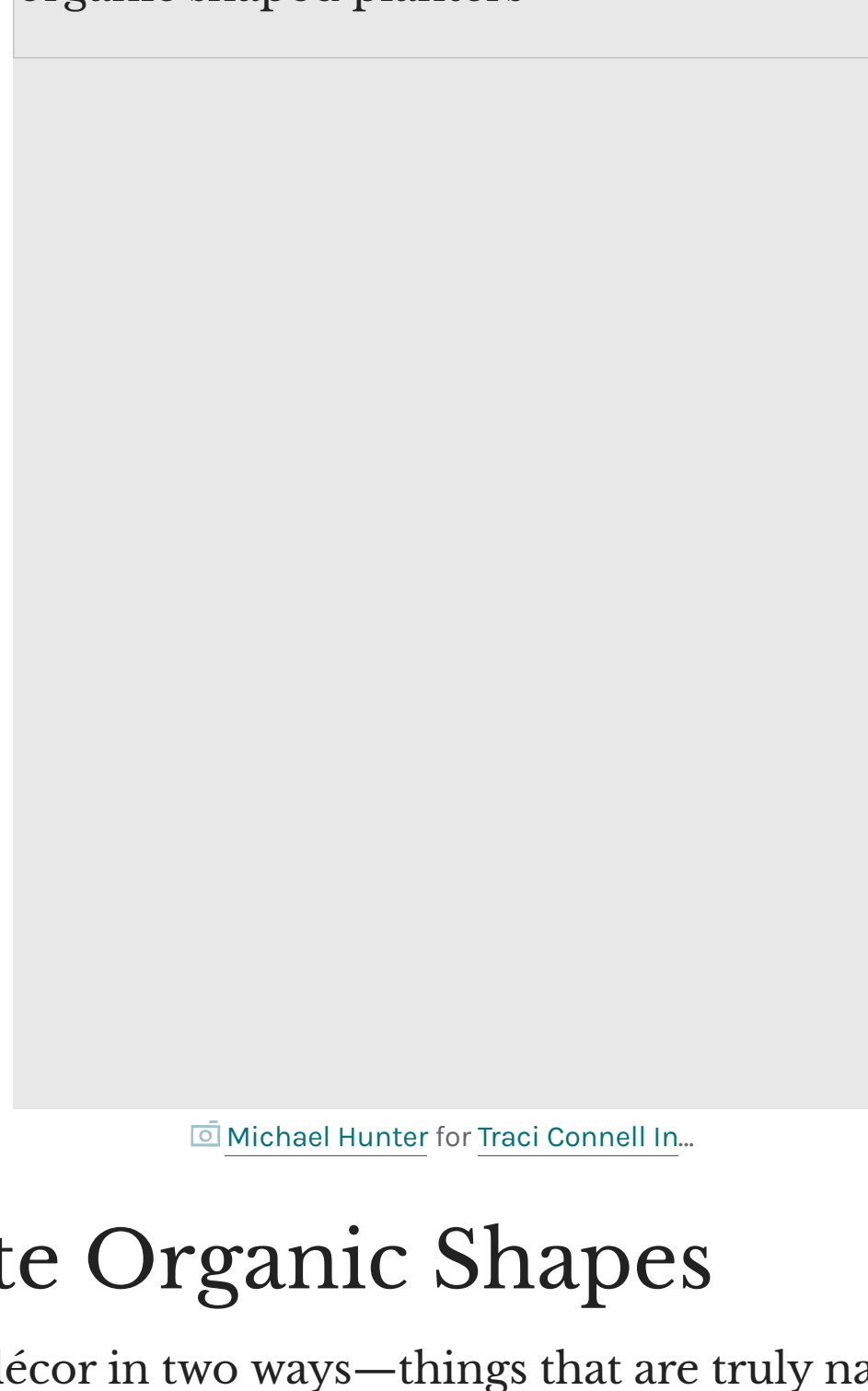
Michael Bleivins for JLayton Interiors

Think About Texture

Textural objects, ranging from rugs to decorative accents, can be an excellent way to achieve an organic look. "Natural elements such as a sisal rug, woven tray or braided basket allow for texture and contrast with functional benefits," Kokoskie explained.

Campbell particularly appreciates rattan. "I used rattan wrapped dining chairs with a soft silhouette that steals the show but also adds softness to all the hard lines in this breakfast room," he said of the above space. "Add to that the fringe and tribal embroidery on the custom pillows and you create layers of approachable comfort and style."

And think outside the box during the decorating process—you may discover innovative ways to add texture in unexpected places. "A wood plank serving as a mantel will add character and strength to a room," Kokoskie said. Lastly, don't forget about the small things that can truly make an impact. "There are discrete elements that serve as reminders of the value of organic and nature," Kokoskie said. "Some of these elements could be organic sheets, natural dish soap, and soy candles." Not only will such pieces look lovely in your space, they'll help elevate the every day and make basic routines feel more luxe, too.



Michael Hunter for Traci Connell Int.

Incorporate Organic Shapes

"I think of organic décor in two ways—things that are truly natural, such as plants, wooden planters, and clay vases, and secondly, organic shapes," comments Traci Connell of Dallas-based [Traci Connell Interiors](#). Not sure how to get started? "Think of a round area rug instead of a traditional rectangle, or even an asymmetrical design pattern that looks as if it took the shape of a spilled puddle of water," Connell suggests. Or have fun with smaller accents, as Connell did in the space pictured above. "We used nature as an art installation by using a full wall to hang multiple organic shaped planter that held mini succulents and [greenery](#)," Connell shares. This checks the box for both fun shapes *and* greenery—win-win!

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