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adj.
Of or relating to an early 20th-century modernist school of architecture and design noted for its use of rectilinear forms, plain unadorned surfaces, and techniques and materials associated with industrial production.

[German, an architecture school founded by Walter Gropius : *Bau*, construction, architecture (from Middle High German *bū*, building, from Old High German, from *būan*, to dwell, settle; see **bheua-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *Haus*, house (from Middle High German *hūs*, from Old High German).]

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