



Transitional white kitchen with slate blue island and natural hand-made textured wood hood.

Top Home Design Trends for the New Year

SO 2020 IS HERE, and it's time to put together that "to-do" list for your home. Is there a renovation on the table for your tired-looking abode? Start with learning the top home design trends, find a great designer to help, and your new spaces will be magazine photoshoot worthy in no time. Here are six hot trends you won't want to miss.

BLUE IS IN

You've already seen it everywhere, but blue is here to stay for a while. As a matter of fact "Classic Blue" was recently announced as the Pantone 2020 Color of the Year. So if you've already been thinking of Blue in your home, go for it. Use it sparingly on walls and accessories, pillows and throws, or commit to the blue kitchen island if you really love it and want to keep it around long after it goes out of style. Blue works well with classic grays, whites, and natural wood tones in any room.



Traditional white/cherry cabinetry with a blue island.

BLACK IS BACK

Although we're seeing black in plumbing and light fixtures and accessories used to punctuate, the color black has traditionally been used for architectural elements in home design such as window frames, doors, and exterior accents. Used in contemporary and transitional designs to give the space a classic spin, we are also seeing it in traditional applications. Black also works well complementing bright whites, as in a black island or a black countertop providing a pleasing contrast in the ever-popular white kitchen.



Black accents with soot colored cabinetry.



Mirror insert replaces standard glass behind decorative mullions.

SPEAKING OF WHITE

A truly classic “trend” that never goes out of style, variations of “white on white” will always be popular. The key is in the tone. With the strong emergence of grays in 2019, what you may have begun to see is white with either cool or warm “gray” tonality. When combining different elements with white, be careful as different shades can look “dirty” when placed next to each other. What makes white spaces really work is a combination of physical and visual texture, contrast, and thoughtful layering.

MIRRORS


In addition to adding a reflective quality mirrors make any room look brighter and more expansive, but they can be used for much more. Replace out cabinet glass for a decorative mirror. Use it as a bar backsplash, or install it in a closet door, linen cabinet or refrigerator panel front. Creative use of glass is on the designer’s mind, look for ways to integrate glass in places not ordinarily thought of.

NATURAL WOODS

Warm, soft, neutral. Raw tones of natural wood are continuing to rise in popularity as manufacturers are producing furniture and cabinetry with this look in mind. Natural stain colors create an attractive, fresh palette to coordinate with all the popular new color palettes. Raw stains such as Cashew and Morel are emerging in transitional and contemporary kitchen and bath cabinet door styles.

HIGH TECH

Technology is developing faster than ever and consumers are always looking for ways to make life more convenient. “Smart Homes” now incorporate doorbell recognition, remote control thermostats, window treatments, and kitchen appliances, as well as home baristas and temperature-controlled wine storage.

Home design trends evolve over time and with each year new trends emerge, and old trends get a new spin. With all the creative trends that abound homeowners are sure to find ones that fit their own personal taste and style. So get creative, step out of your comfort zone and consider some ideas that may transform your personal space into a place that you will be excited to call home. 

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Creamy white kitchen with natural wood tone hood accents/contrasting hardware and fixtures.