

Home Décor

the latest greatest trends

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Congratulations! You have found your new house and you are so excited to get started making it look and feel like your home. This can be everything from a fresh paint color, to new light fixtures or even a remodel in a kitchen or bath. Let's look at some up and coming trends that can give you some guidance.

Painting is the easiest way to change the feel of your home. Looking at what is being shown as the new and freshest looks, we are seeing a shift from cool tones to warm tones. That means the cooler blue grays are shifting out and the warmer red tone grays are coming in. This is a common flux in colors, but always remember, be true to yourself. If you like the cool environment then stick with it; that will make your home feel right very quickly. Did you know we have been seeing gray and gray options for 7 years now? Wow time flies! Trends last about 5-7 years. I often hear people wanting something to last 20 years. Those days are gone, new trends and ideas begin to surface much faster, giving you the options to make changes or not. Trends in paint colors are shifting to taupe and warmer grays, some shades to consider from Sherwin Williams are Gossamer Veil, Silverpointe, Repose Gray and Accessible Beige.

Check out your favorite manufacturer for options and remember any paint color can be mixed in your favorite brand, so the sky truly is the limit. The above options are the tip of the iceberg to begin your search; paint is something we could spend pages on. If you have doubts about how something will look, reach out to your favorite interior designer for help, getting it right the first time is important.

Another great option for a quick and easy change are light fixtures. This can be in a bathroom or kitchen; even changing your overhead fixtures creates a big change in the feel of your home. If you have brass fixtures, look to change them to a white or brushed nickel. Both will make them disappear and not draw attention. If you want them to stand out, look to a brushed gold (not brass) or black. These give the fixture a pop and turns them into a decorative option. Places to find ideas for these are, of course, your big box stores, but remember a buyer is selecting the options you are seeing. If you want to see more options, look at places like build.com or lampsplus.com. Here you can see hundreds of options, colors, and designs. This may be a curse, or a blessing so jump in at your own risk.

If you have a kitchen island, this is a great place to throw in some personality and your personal style. Grouping of lights coming from one location is very popular. I love this look for a playful and conversational look. Pinterest and Instagram are showing lighting with mason jars and shaped jars and color shades.

A mirror in a foyer or bath can be a great way to change up your look, as well. One thing to think about when choosing a mirror: think about what it is reflecting. Placing a mirror across from a piece of art lets the piece do double duty. If you have a mirror you love and want to freshen it up, paint the frame a new color. I had a gold mirror with a very classic look and shape – I gave it a fresh look by painting it a dark gray and washed it with a gray blue.

I love taking something old and making it new again. Here too, the color trend is to add warmer and brighter colors to a neutral color scheme. A great way to see what colors you enjoy, is to look at your closet. I recently did this and found I have a lot of pink and aqua, with splashes of navy.

Trends in furniture are shifting also. We are seeing lots of color on sofas and accent chairs. A navy sofa or emerald green seem to be the favorite with neutral pillows or pillows with the touch of color to pull it all together. Furniture is continuing down the path of clean lines and simple shapes. I am seeing subtle details on sofas like decorative tapes and corner details. Chairs are becoming accent pieces with wonderful back details, contrast fabrics or open backs with exposed wood. This trend has come about because of the open floor plan, where we are now floating our furniture in the middle of the floor, allowing all sides of chairs and sofas to be seen. Paying attention to this detail adds a lot of impact to your room with just a little planning as to placement.

Coffee tables or ottomans? This is a huge debate as to what you need for your space and what you like. This is truly a personal choice especially if you only have a family room. This falls into the open floor plan trend also. >>

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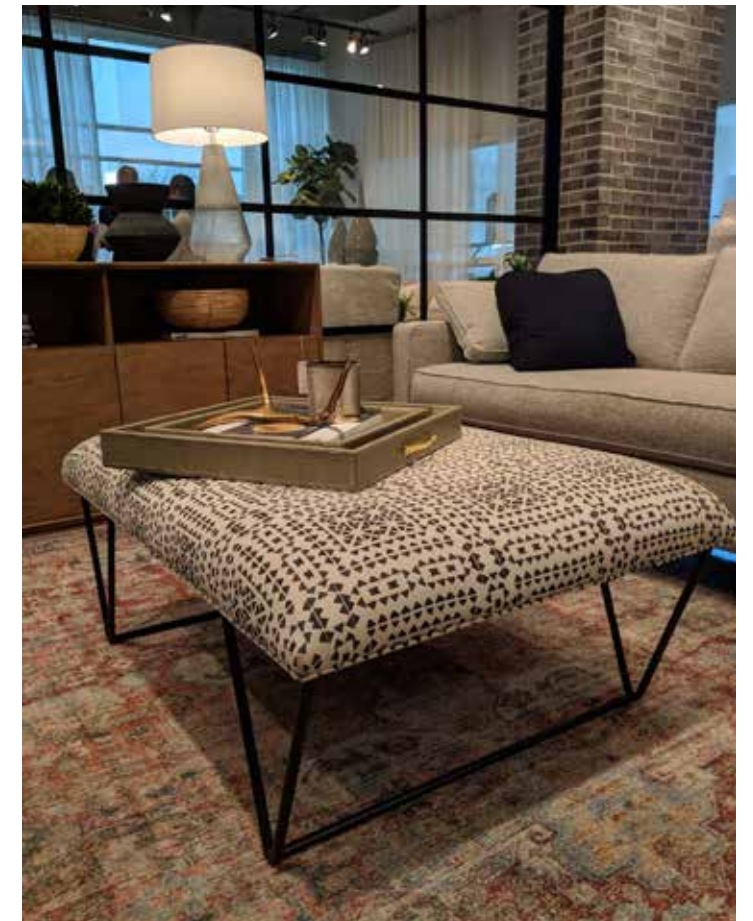
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We all like to gather in the kitchen and now we have the keeping room very close by to handle the overflow. The keeping room has become the new family room, where the TV is and people can float from place to place. An ottoman can be used both ways by simply placing a large tray on top when guest are over and removed when the family is enjoying a movie. One of the biggest trends is for furniture to function in multiple ways, and the ottoman is the perfect fit. Look at this option and see how it will work for your home.

Another great way to add a fresh look is to change out your rug. Check out options that are full of color or a neutral black and white. Pinterest and Instagram are a great place to explore your options. I love a site called surya.com. They have hundreds of options and are very affordable. If you have a neutral room, you may want to add a bold rug and vice versa with the sofa and color. Conversely, using a neutral patterned rug with a splash of color on top creates a beautiful space with excitement.

Making your home your own is key to making a new space feel like you. Take the time to explore your options; if you are overwhelmed, look to bring in your favorite interior designer. A designer can help pull together your look fast and easy so you can enjoy your new home. []

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