

NEW DECADE, NEW DECOR. Well kind of...skip 2020 for obvious reasons and get a fresh start in every sense of the word. Stay on trend with these home decorating and style tips for 2021 and beyond.

"New decade, new decor. Stay stylish this coming year...and beyond."

Remodeling and refurbishing can be overwhelming and costly...if you let it. Here are some trends you can integrate into your home as slowly or quickly as you like.

COLOR PALETTE | Flashback two decades - colors were deep, warm and earthy. Taupe dominated wall color, broken up by mustard or brick red accent walls and shades of dark green against dark wood floors, cabinets, and Travertine tile. 2010 both softened and muted the mood to a cooler palette that included whites, grays and blues against light rustic wood floors for a lighter and more beachy feel. Recently, we have seen the movement toward classic black and white both exterior (think modern farmhouse) and interior (white subway tile with white marble kitchen counters, white cabinets, and statement light fixture). Moving forward expect whites and neutrals to remain popular but with brighter pops of color integrated into paint and decor. 2021 color of year...? "Ultimate Gray" AND "Illuminating" as the accent. Below, see how to integrate loudly or softly.

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TEXTURES | Think cozy fabrics to soften the room such as shearling, knotty wool, worn leather and woven, natural materials to curl up with. Keep in mind, many of these fabrics are too heavy for our SoCal seaside weather, so lighten up with lighter versions such as linen, cotton, and bamboo. On the contrary, be on the look out for industrial finishes like metal and rivets and geometric shapes both soft and rigid.

ROOMS | Of course, 2020 declared home office as a new sacred room, so think about how to recreate your or your kids' quiet space to read and work. But, let's talk kitchens. With entertaining on its comeback, make your kitchen THE place. Everyone always ends up there anyway, so why not make it just as inviting as a dining or family room? Kitchens are by default, functional spaces that provide a place to prepare and serve food. But since we spend a lot of time in our kitchens, make it your own space to showcase your personality. Spice it up with bright cabinet colors, open shelves with accent pieces, and interesting light fixtures. Frame your favorite piece of fine art and admire it more often!

TRENDS THAT TRANSCEND | Be on the look out for trends that might remind you of your younger years or...reinvent the wheel. Wicker and rattan has made a come back as well as antique art because it tells a story. Floating vanities, vintage flair, diamond patterns and brass are all the rage, but use sparingly to create interest but not distraction to a room. Moody, dark walls filled with funky art and a mid-century dining set merge old world with reinvented modern flair.

OUTDOOR LIVING | Since we live indoor/outdoor year round, it's only fitting to include inspiration for outdoor space versus man caves (sorry guys). Natural woods and materials will continue to thrive, but you will also see minimalist design with structured metal frames in chrome, brass, copper and aluminum (hint: make sure to pay premium for powder coated versions of these metals or they will quickly deteriorate in our damp, ocean air). Furniture design moves toward function such as modular seating, removable hammocks, and dual purpose storage tables, benches, and couches. Interactive spaces that include planter boxes and gardens are fun too- include and inspire kids to get outside!

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