

REAL ESTATE

NEW DECADE, NEW DECOR. Stay on trend with these decorating and style tips for 2020 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 in the pipeline you can integrate into your home as slowly or quickly as you like.

COLOR PALETTE | Flashback to early 2000's - 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. Color of year...? Blue. All shades...

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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 linen, cotton, and bamboo.

ROOMS | Let's talk kitchens. Have you ever noticed that when hosting friends at your home, everyone ends up in the kitchen? So why not make it just as inviting as a dining room, family room, or bedroom? 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 or open shelves with accent pieces. 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 is making a come back as is antique art because it tells a story. Floating vanities, vintage flair, patina, and brass are all in the works, but use sparingly to create interest but not distraction to a room. Do you have an underutilized wine bar? Convert it to a coffee bar and invite family and guests of all ages to indulge in vanilla infused steamed milk or hot chocolate.

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 are fun too- include and inspire the kids to get outside!

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