

## Five Decor Trends to Watch

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**Interior design, like fashion,** is an ever-changing industry. Styles, materials, furnishings and décor similarly follow trends and seasons. Good interior design will provide flexibility and scalability, allowing a homeowner to remain current. Here's a glimpse of what's currently trending in design.

**"Bone-dacious" Furnishings:** It's become popular among designers to purchase a quality piece of furniture that has desirable, style transcendent "bones" with the intent to reupholster it as fashions change, rather than simply discarding it when it's time to update the look of a room. This trend has resulted in an increase in purchases from domestically-based manufacturers that make quality furnishings built to last.

**Color craze:** The world of color has undergone a makeover of late, with yellow and gray paving the way. Together, these colors add a level of calm to the feel of a room, while still adding pops of color. The gray works well as a base color on upholstered furniture, especially when coupled with another hot trend right now—espresso-stained wood. This stain color, which exudes an air of sophistication, is an enduring classic that has realized a surge in popularity. The yellow, best utilized in small bursts, serves as an impactful infusion of excitement in the room. For instance, a yellow throw pillow on a gray sofa can make a stellar statement.

**See the Light:** As the design of table lamps have waned and the style of homes have begun to embrace cleaner lines, pendant and other types of overhead lighting are popular choices for making a major design statement. Beautiful materials, unique shapes and versatile sizes simply cannot be overlooked.

**Ground Control:** Natural wood floors and other types of natural flooring, such as travertine, limestone and honed marbles, are in high demand. Recyclable flooring, either in wood or carpet, is also in fashion. Consumers are seeking to upgrade responsibly; therefore, all things natural and recyclable are at the top of the style scene.

**Simple swaps = big impact.** If you're searching for a new look for a room, you can build on the baseline furnishings already installed and switch out accessories, including pillows, picture frames, vases, candles, statues, artwork and other portable items. This allows you to introduce fresh style elements without having to change the entire composition of the space.

