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## Eight autumn home design, decor trends

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The fall season evokes thoughts of home and hearth, as families and friends eagerly anticipate re-connecting with one another amid busy lives. Of course, most want a home design and decor that will impress, and help de-compress, impending company -- one with that autumn sensibility that exudes comfort and warmth ... and duly stimulates the senses.

With this in mind, here are eight top home design and decor trends for fall:

- Vintage accents. What's old is new again. French-burlap is no longer just for sack-racing. This Earth-friendly fiber is being utilized for chic pillows imprinted with a vintage stamped design or even a family initial. Accent chairs can also be seen covered in grey linen imprinted with vintage "document" script writing. Aged, color-washed wood accessories such as candlesticks, urns and bowls are popular as oversized accessories to accent and update a time-worn look.
- Wallpaper. With a decreasing demand for faux finishes and walls painted in solid primary colors, wallpaper is making a comeback in a big and decidedly fashionable way. From bright and bold to subdued and elegant, today's wallpapers are easy to apply and even easier to remove, making updating the seasonal look of a room easier than ever before. There are a seemingly endless number of choices from solids to patterns, and everything in between.
- Timeless art. When shopping for items to occupy wall space, ditch the quick fix, "matchy-matchy" picture. Art doesn't have to be expensive, but it should certainly have meaning. Buy what you love. Mix mediums and styles. To add depth and character to your pieces, forego the glass cover that can be distracting and casts a glare that actually detracts from your interior design.
- Elemental color. While neutrals have made a strong showing in design this year for primary design elements like walls and baseline furnishings, boldly colored accent pieces give a space visual interest and appeal. Brightly colored and/or patterned pillows, rugs and other accessories will bring an otherwise bland space to life.
- Rug rage. There has never been a more exciting time than now in the area rug industry. Whatever style, shape and design you can imagine is within your reach. Even if a space has wall-to-wall carpeting, place an area rug to establish a layered look and add depth and personality to a room and also tie in other disparate color components. A rug's color palette and pattern can easily establish the desired style and tone of a season.
- Pillow talk. Today's pillow designs offer an array of textures, colors, shapes, sizes and accents, and can completely transform a room's aesthetic. Accordingly, pillows have become the ultimate interior design accessory, especially because they are so versatile. Choose an assortment of pillows for the spring and summer and other set for the fall and winter. This is an easy way to seasonally transition a room in an easy and budget-friendly way.
- Window treatments. While many love luscious fabrics, an overuse of material on your windows can

quickly overpower an otherwise streamlined room. Linen panels are now very trendy since they beautifully outline and soften windows. This classic and timeless fabric is now available in a staggering array of colors to coordinate with any interior palette.

- Brass. Yes, brass is back but a bit older and wiser. Antiqued brass and even antiqued gold have both made a large comeback on everything from drapery rods, to cocktail tables, to door and cabinet knobs to decor figurines. The light reflecting surface of brass adds warmth, glow and movement to a space and, thus, is perfect in a room with a fireplace.

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