



You're Going to Love These 2022 Design Trends

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Design trends tend to grow from several factors, and the pandemic continues to influence design trends. With more of us spending more time at home, a few of 2022 trends should come as no surprise.

Warm Interior Colors - Warm tones and textures have found a way into our kitchens. These include paint colors like beige, natural mid-tone colors for cabinets and flooring. 2022 will see light-colored wood furniture at its peak, with added stone textures like granite, onyx, and marble.

Green has been trending for a couple of years, and with good reason. The color green is associated with nature and tends to de-stress us. Focus on warm shades of green such as olive to help bring the outdoors in.

The Home Garden - The global trend of indoor gardens and plants gained solid footing during the world's quarantine. Indoor plants make us feel comfortable and relaxed. Remember, choose plants that will happily share your indoor space, such as the low-maintenance Marble Queen Pathos, or the low-light loving ZZ Plant. Avoid bringing in too many plants to avoid the room resembling a greenhouse. Choose 2 or three areas to display plants - depending on the size of the space.

Rounded Shapes - Although the trend began over a year ago, 2022 will see forms with a soft, feminine touch. Rounded shapes will trend in architecture, furniture and decor. Look for sofas, chairs, lamps, poufs, and tables to lose their right angles. Curved furniture makes a

powerful and artistic statement that can break up the harsh lines of any room with its originality. You can find rounded shapes in the glamour of Art Deco design.

Minimalism - Designers again point to the pandemic for furthering the trend toward minimalism. During 2021, many of us felt the urge to purge our home from unused belongings to find more space to engage in daily activities like work and school. Decluttering and organizing your home can bring with it lower stress levels, and even better - more space. Embracing minimalism doesn't just mean emptying your home. Design experts suggest focusing on furniture or other pieces that are interesting in shape or color.

Convertible Furniture - Move over Murphy Bed. This space-saving trend is gathering steam in 2022. Consider Elephant in a Box's "working sofa" that converts one of its armrests into a functioning home office desk. Powell Company Wales offers a transformable chair that goes from ottoman to chaise lounge to a twin-size sleeper - depending on your needs. Another popular piece is Ikea's FRHETEN sleeper sofa chock full of secret storage space that's easily accessed with the lift of a cushion.

Multi-functional Spaces - Some of us may recall our parents or grandparents entertaining in a separate formal room usually off-limits to children - an unfathomable concept to our families today. Almost every room offers the opportunity to carve out a homework or reading nook. Use ladders, shelving, or furniture as room dividers to separate space and offer privacy within a common room in your home.



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February Calendar

February 2 - Groundhog's Day

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 15 - President's Day

February is Cherry Month

Homeowner Tips



Protect Your Home's Entryway

Whether it's rain, snow, or sleet, tracking moisture into your home's entryway can take its toll on your floor.

It's a given that you place an all-weather mat outside the door, but be sure to keep a mat inside the door as well. Consider a shoe or boot rack in the entryway to offer your family a place to park wet shoes somewhere other than indoors. Install sturdy hooks for wet jackets and gloves.

Patch Up That Small Hole in Your Drywall Like a Pro

It's time to stop covering that hole in your drywall with a painting you don't even like. It's not as complicated as you might think to patch a small hole.

Pick up a wall-repair patch kit from your local hardware or home improvement store. The repair kit is going to include a mesh adhesive patch, a putty knife, a small tub of spackling paste, sandpaper, and a sponge.

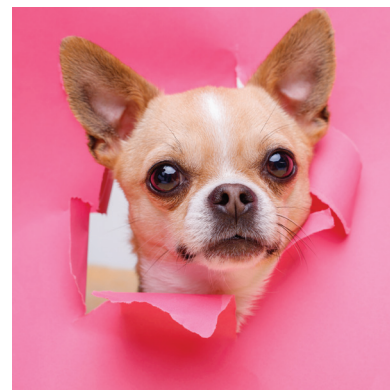
Protect your floors. Cover the area beneath the wall you will be repairing. Next cover the hole in the drywall with the mesh pushing down air bubbles. Cut away any loose strings.

Using the putty knife, apply a thin, flat coat of the spackling paste to hold the mesh in place.

Smooth the texture with a damp sponge. Otherwise you may wait until the spackling paste dries and sand it to a smooth finish.

Let the area dry for about 24 hours to get an idea of whether you see a dent in the area you have repaired. If so, just add another coat of spackling paste and check it again after a day.

Once you've repaired the hole to your satisfaction, paint the repaired spot to match the rest of the wall. Now, voila, you no longer need to hide damaged walls with awful paintings.



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It's Cherry Month - Make a Versatile Cherry-Rhubarb Chutney

This chutney is made with cherries, apple and rhubarb. Try it with a block of cream cheese and crackers, or as a condiment for grilled chicken or pork.

Ingredients

- 7 cups chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb (about 2 pounds)
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 cups fresh or frozen pitted tart cherries, chopped
- 1 large tart apple, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 1 celery rib, chopped

- 1 tablespoon finely chopped crystallized ginger
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Directions

In a 6-qt. stockpot, combine all ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 25-30 minutes or until mixture has thickened. Transfer to covered containers. (If freezing, use freezer-safe containers and fill to within 1/2 in. of tops.) Refrigerate up to 3 weeks or freeze up to 12 months. Thaw frozen chutney in refrigerator before serving.



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