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HOMEOWNER'S UPDATE

Design Trends for that Can't-Wait-To-Get-Home Vibe

As the seasons shift and warm sunlight lingers a bit longer every evening, our homes start to feel a little different — a subtle change that signals a comfortable, lived-in vibe. It's an interior that welcomes what designers say is key to a home: *warmth*. It's a return to eclectic, curated, personal spaces by leaving minimalism behind in favor of a genuinely relaxed atmosphere.

Create a Calming Backdrop

Walls of warm neutrals, deep jewel tones, velvety browns, and sage greens establish an inviting, balanced foundation.

Revive Rich Woods

Deeper wood tones bring character and contrast to living spaces. One trend features a return to stand-alone kitchen pieces rather than the built-in cabinetry that's a hallmark of the modern age. Repurposing vintage pieces or shopping estate sales and antique stores keeps craftsmanship in circulation and supports sustainability.

Dial Up Dimension

Texture is king when it comes to cultivating rooms with a cozy ambience. Layer piles of chenille or boucle pillows, add fringe or tassels to beds or chairs, and hang tapestries or antique quilts on walls for a tactile appeal that invites touch and adds depth.

Reclaim Retro Floors

Everything old is new again as hardwood floors go retro with classic chevron and herringbone patterns. Terra cotta tile brings timeless charm, while statement rugs add warmth, color and personality.

Layer the Light

From ceiling fixtures to wall sconces, choose lighting that's as artistic as it is functional. Make it the "statement jewelry" of your rooms. Display oversized mirrors with unique frames to reflect light and add visual interest to your home.

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It's time to prep your lawn for the sunny days ahead. Here are some important tasks that can help make your yard the envy of the neighborhood.

Inspect your lawnmower for signs of wear and tear. Sharpen the blades, change the oil and air filter, and check spark plugs and tire pressure to keep it running efficiently.

Pull weeds and remove thatch to improve soil and grass health.

Remove the remnants of winter, such as sticks, rocks and leaves. Pick up tools and children's toys that have been left behind. Determine if these items caused bare spots that need to be reseeded.

Repair bare patches by overseeding. Once the new grass begins to establish, apply a slow-release fertilizer and water regularly to deliver essential nutrients to the soil, encouraging strong root growth and a thick, healthy lawn.

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Laundry Room Glow-Up

Transform your laundry room into a space you *want* to use, not just one you *have* to use.

Dress it Up

Consider neutral or soft shades like white, gray or blue as a base color for walls and flooring, and include a few pops of vibrant color to add character. Try a fun-patterned tile or laminate for durable, easy-to-maintain flooring. Finally, layer in personal touches like artwork, a stylish light fixture or even a plant to give your laundry room a little warmth and flair.

Make it Functional

To avoid attracting clutter, empty a cabinet or clear a shelf to create a designated spot for laundry supplies. Create a flat surface for sorting and folding clothes with a drop down countertop that is mounted on the wall. Hang decorative hooks and racks to store items up and out of the way, use attractive canisters and baskets for supplies you use frequently, and install high shelves for items you use less often.

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Kitchen Flooring Options

Is your kitchen a high-traffic zone? Consider these durable flooring options to find the best fit for your home and lifestyle.

Long-lasting **ceramic tile** is strong, waterproof and stain-resistant. However, it may feel cold underfoot and can crack if not installed properly.

Natural stone is a popular, visually appealing option with seemingly endless design possibilities. As stone is porous, it's not stain-resistant and requires regular sealing.

Adaptable and functional, **vinyl** is easy to keep clean and is budget-friendly. It can scuff and dull with daily use, so be prepared to replace it about every 10 years.

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Grilled Salmon & Mango Salsa

Ingredients

4 (6 oz.) salmon fillets

For marinade:

3 Tbsp. avocado oil

2 tsp. lime zest

3 Tbsp. lime juice

3 cloves garlic, crushed

2 tsp. thyme

For salsa:

1 large mango, peeled and diced

1 red bell pepper, diced

½ red onion, finely chopped

1 avocado, diced

1 Tbsp. lime juice

1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil

1 Tbsp. coconut water

For garnish:

Lemon wedges

Fresh thyme

Directions

Place salmon in a gallon-size sealable bag. In a small bowl, whisk together marinade ingredients. Salt and pepper to taste. Add mixture to bag and refrigerate for 30–60 minutes.



Refrigerate until ready to serve.



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Garnish with lemon wedges and fresh thyme. Serve with prepared salsa.

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