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Curved forms, both in furniture and architecture, create a more inviting atmosphere — while also recalling the outdoors. At the same time, functionality remains front of mind. The more time we spend at home, the more every element has to work in concert, and with purpose. So, domestic tech is hot, while the all-white look of the recent past is not. It's simply too cold, too minimalist and too prone to stain.

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is not to pair these colors with tired '70-era relics like orange (in particular shag carpeting!), but instead work with shades and hues. Extend this look all the way to the floor by experimenting with patterned jute, abaca and rush matting.

More rooms are pulling double duty, as the farmhouse dinner table now serves as a conference room, or the guest room becomes a Zoom studio. Functionality is key, but all of this time spent indoors has some seeking to reconnect with nature — and 2022's design trends reflect that, too.

Stoneware, wood, travertine and terracotta will find a place not just on countertops and backsplashes, but also in decorative objects. Plaster wall finishes are still in vogue, but with a more lived-in or antiqued look. These raw, imperfect surfaces add visual intrigue to any home, and a little soul by mimicking the ambiance and calm of nature.

Larger indoor plants are also part of this trend, up to an including Southern magnolias and black-olive trees. Clay pots complete things, celebrating both earth and art. Accent pieces for the soil might include a touch of magic or whimsy, like exotic stones, mushroom ceramics, or sparkling crystals.



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**Appraisal:** A professional determination of value. Mortgage companies usually require an appraisal of the property by a licensed, disinterested party before agreeing to loan money on the property. **SOURCE:** MLS.com

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