

Interiors: What's In, What's Out?

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WHAT'S IN?

Textures: Add depth to your designs with unique textures. Concrete accent pieces, velvet upholstery, woven baskets and ramie curtains are just a few examples of the “have-to-touch-it” vibe showing up across the home decor industry.

Colors: Gray has been enjoying its own moment for a while. It can be warmed up or cooled down with various hues, making it a versatile, modern neutral. Taupes and browns, however, are poised for a comeback. House Beautiful predicts newfound popularity for a few shades of purple, from dark plum in the dining room to both dark and light shades of a dustier purple. The magazine also



expected big things from Asian-inspired chinoiserie red, deep turquoise, a variety of yellows and emerald green. Pantone's color of the year is Greenery, a bright yel-

low-green affair that pairs well with cobalt accents.

Juxtaposition: What's old is new when rustic meets modern. Think hand-crafted Moroccan tile paired with

sleek slate-gray cabinets, or a hand-hewn timber table with modern industrial chairs. A cowhide rug in front of an uber-modern streamlined sofa. Fractured glass tile

beneath chic glass-and-metal lighting. Revived mid-century modern furniture. This is where throwing out the rule-book can pay big dividends and a thrift store find can steal the show.

WHAT'S OUT?

The editors at Elle decor wish Edison bulbs back to the day of their namesake. They also are “so over” everything from nautical themes, Tuscan kitchens and too much granite to Mason jars, vertical blinds, dusty pastels and wicker furniture. Of course, if you can't help yourself, think of ways to bring modern touches to these reportedly outdated elements. For example, if you just can't say no to nautical, try sea glass-inspired tile. Still mad for plaid? Try tartan or shades of gray.

Elle Decor predicts the ouster of the once-ubiquitous chevron pattern. Apartmenttherapy.com wishes people would stop it already with the obsessive matching of every item in a room, while various style watchers opine an overabundance of brass fixtures and all things marble. Realtor.com envisions a world free of sliding “barn door madness.”

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Pick a Color, Any Color

Choosing colors for your home's interior can be a daunting task. With so much to choose from, you could find yourself torn between too many options — or lacking for inspiration. The Internet offers tools to help.

At degraeve.com/color-palette and SnapYourColors.com, upload a favorite photo and pick colors from the photo to make your own custom palette.

At paletton.com, use a color wheel to explore color and find complementary shades.

HOMESWISE GLOSSARY

Soft second loan: A second mortgage whose payment is forgiven or is deferred until resale of the property.

Subordinate financing: Any mortgage or other lien with lower priority than the first mortgage.

SOURCE: Federal Trade Commission

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