

## What are the experts saying?

We talked to three local interior designers to get their take on this year's top trends. Will you go for any of these looks for your home?



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## EARTH TONES

For interior colors, we'll see less gray and more shades of sand and earth colors like ochre, burnt gold, and terracotta.

I feel that we will still be seeing grays, but they will lean toward a warmer saturation, with a more linen or mushroom cast. These neutrals allow us to use them on their own, mixed with whites for a relaxing, natural feel. The trend toward ochre, golds, and warm salmons gives a punch to the neutrals and can give your space a focal point . . . a punctuation mark!

— CHERYL BOGHOSIAN, ASID, GILBERTE INTERIORS

I think gray will still be around as a neutral base, creating relief for the vibrant colors that are on their way in. I love a warm hue to liven up the otherwise dull New England winters.

— AMANDA RAYMOND, STUDIO SAGE INTERIORS

## KITCHEN CABINETS

Painted cabinetry will be the latest look, with upper cabinets being replaced with metal, wood, or glass shelving.

Painted kitchens are in; wood cabinets are yesterday. We will see more kitchens with the upper and lower cabinets painted different colors or different values of the same color. Clients are also choosing the fresh look of open shelves where everything from daily dishes to special pottery pieces can be displayed. — ALICE WILLIAMS, ALICE WILLIAMS INTERIORS

Contrasting finishes on the island and perimeter cabinets or varying the color or material on the upper and lower cabinets is gaining momentum. Getting creative with the hardware allows the cabinetry to take on more of a “furniture” appeal and is a relatively inexpensive update with huge impact. — AMANDA RAYMOND, STUDIO SAGE INTERIORS



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## RICH, VIBRANT GREENS

A desire to connect with nature and escape stress has brought earthy greens to the design palette.

*As the trend toward creating spaces that reconnect us to a more natural and relaxing environment continues, we pay more attention to color and light. Screen time and the pace of life need balance, and a rich green palette paired with improved attention to lighting is a terrific step toward achieving this.*

— CHERYL BOGHOSIAN, ASID, GILBERTE INTERIORS

Color palettes for the home are returning to hues taken from nature. We will see more green as well as terracotta, straw, and oatmeal. These colors warm your home from the inside out.

— ALICE WILLIAMS, ALICE WILLIAMS INTERIORS



## MATTE BLACK IN KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS

We have been enjoying manufacturers offering many matte black and deep oil-rubbed bronze finishes in hardware, plumbing fixtures, and lighting. These give our lighter, neutral palettes the balance needed to create a space that is grounded while also feeling practical and easy to maintain. Dark metal finishes work as well with natural woods as they do with painted finishes and give an updated style to existing spaces.

— CHERYL BOGHOSIAN, ASID, GILBERTE INTERIORS



The strength and contrast of oil-rubbed bronze hardware and lighting have made them a huge player in both contemporary and craftsman-style homes. It has strength when paired with wood and is crisp and fresh with paint.

— AMANDA RAYMOND, STUDIO SAGE INTERIORS