



Top Interior Design Trends 2021

There were many interior design trends predicted to reach new heights in 2020; however, as we all know, 2020 had different plans for us all. The global pandemic saw a considerable percentage of the workforce shift to working from or being in lockdown at home. This has thrown an emphasis on creating sustainable, comfortable, and functional home environments.

As we ease into 2021, we predict interior design trends will be reflecting this shift. We anticipate an emphasis on creature comforts, bespoke functional spaces, and multi-use interior and exterior rooms.

Read on to learn more about our top interior design trends for 2021:

Shifting colour schemes

We see a move back towards earthy, comforting tones in many interior designs as people crave to reconnect with nature. Blues, greys, and warm tones are popular, whether used layer upon layer, tone upon tone, or as signature accents against contemporary, pared-back designs.

Ocean blues are proving a key colour trend for 2021. Ranging from deep dark inky tones through to pale Aquas, blue is the perfect colour for creating a calm and relaxing home.

With a comprehensive range of paint colours to choose from, warm, earthy toned accessories and furnishings provide luxury and comfort. When contrasted against trending wall and floor tones, they help create a safe haven from the still unpredictable outside world.

Rustic Vogue

The search for reconnection with a simpler, less challenging time is also reflected in the growing trend of Rustic Vogue and its younger siblings, Cottagecore and Contemporary Country. These looks appeal to those seeking to marry their modern home conveniences with injections of rustic character and personality.

Think of homes featuring exciting details, such as exposed beams, textured floorboards, or wood look porcelain tiles. Create the look using re-purposed or recycled pieces, or seek out bespoke new pieces, letting them work together in harmony. The core materials for this look are reclaimed wood and open weave textiles.

Design Influences

Scandinavian style remains at the forefront of design trends this year as many Australians still yearn after contemporary mid-century designs, celebrating the mix of classic design features with pale woods and large chunky accessories.

Now, more than ever, with international travel restrictions in place, the longing for distant shores is reflected in the growth of inspirational global trends, paired with nostalgia for simpler times. We predict a return to global inspiration in interior design, creating spaces to reflect our travels (past or future), the ocean, and glamorous, distant shores.

Vintage is in, and vintage influences are evident in many new designs in Sydney. Canny new home builders are melding together the old and the new to create stylish and comforting interiors.

Design Styles

Classic traditionalism never stops trending. It is the lifeblood of many residential and new home builders. It continues to bring joy and happiness to everyone who loves this style of home design. As block sizes continue to shrink, those with young families try to emulate the Australian dream and seek traditional home designs to reflect that search.

Shabby Chic and Eco Chic are also trending for 2021. We see people looking within their immediate community for sustainably sourced, locally made accessories to complement their new homes. The focus on buying local is growing as we all look to support small businesses in these challenging times.

Remember, less is more when it comes to furniture, so look for clean lines and pared-back design – as this presents the perfect backdrop for statement accessories.

Bespoke spaces

In 2021 more than ever, people want their homes to reflect the changing nature of their work and family lives. Extra bedrooms are being redesigned to become functional home offices. Open plan designs are reworked to become multi-function spaces.

Along with the trend for home offices, we also predict the growing need for a snug, cosy space in their new homes, as people seek out a sanctuary within – a respite in which to relax and recharge.

Think of soft, comforting furniture, draped with chunky accessories, perfect for wrapping yourself up in when you need a moment of calm. Soft and comfortable elements (think: linen and wool on sofas and armchairs and warm wood tables) help make a cosy place to relax.

Nature

Nature is trending in a big way in 2021 as the desire to create green spaces through the creative placement of houseplants gathers speed. In the 1990s, indoor plants fell out of fashion, but they are back in a big way in 2021. These beautiful, colourful, and vibrant additions freshen the air, filtering out pollutants and releasing oxygen.

Here in Australia, we see the growing trend towards multi-functional outdoor spaces, as home designers strive to further blur the lines between the outside and the inside. Our climate allows us to create stunning interior/exterior spaces, which we can use every day to reconnect with nature.

It makes sense to invest time and money in cultivating your outdoor spaces. By making them into functional and beautiful extensions of your home, you increase usability and improve your quality of life.

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