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Rugs made with high performance fibers can stand up to heavier foot traffic resulting from people staying at home more.

## Design trends interior designers see for 2021

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**B**righter, happier colors. Easy-to-maintain fabrics and furnishings. Package rooms. Increased focus on sustainability and the environment.

These are some of the trends interior designers see for this year.

### HELLO, COLOR

"Color is coming back," said Faria Lichi, a Pompano Beach-based interior designer. "For the past several years, very neutral, monochromatic grays and whites have been popular. Now people are wanting color, and not just in accents, but in area rugs, chairs, even slabs and wallpaper. We used to do a lot of faux finishes. Now we're doing solid walls with wallpaper that has texture and color, or metallic finishes that reflect light."

White blues and greens that recall the ocean were popular in 2020 and are likely to remain so, warmer hues like yellow, orange and deep red are finding their way into the palettes of designers. Lichi added, "We're bringing in the sunset. They're happy colors. Color brings people joy."

### EASE AND COMFORT, PLEASE

With families staying home more, there are more spills on furniture and rugs. And throughout the pandemic, more people have been adopting pets, another source of messiness. "Performance fibers and textiles have become extremely impor-



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Cheerful colors like yellow are a design trend.

tant," said Allen Saunders, an interior designer in Miami. "Sofas are getting set on more, and rugs are getting walked on more. We used to do lots of natural linen, but try spilling a glass of red wine on it. Now it's more solution-dyed fabrics. Our clients range in age, but one thing that's consistent is that they want fabrics that won't stain. They want comfort, and things that are easy to maintain and visually and physically tactile. Manufacturers will continue to expand the look and feel of these fabrics."

Shapes have changed, too. "Furniture is more curved, with radiused edges," Saunders said. "Sharp angles and slick surfaces are out. Stainless is out, and warm, burnished bronze and brass are in."

### WELCOME TO THE NEW LUXURY

Design is becoming more responsible. "The new luxury is not about extravagance or excess; it's about the concepts of sustainability and consciousness," said Fanny Haim, an interior designer in Miami. "It's about ways



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Furnishings upholstered with high performance, easy-to-clean fabrics and fibers have become important in interior design.



### ADVERTORIAL

The inventory home offers a clean modern aesthetic along with classic touches.

## Elegant Coral Gables home is a modern classic

Ideally positioned in one of Coral Gables' most prestigious enclaves, this enchanting residence was completed in 2013 and has become an instant classic. The two-story home at 1133 Cotter Avenue embodies the clean modern aesthetic that defines the area's newest and most sought-after dwellings. Inside and out, this gem's sleek silhouette is tempered by timeless architectural details that define the elegance of its design and enhance the warmth of its appeal. Priced at \$3,250,000, the five-bedroom, four-and-one-half-bath home is in pristine condition, ready for its new owner to move in and enjoy a seemingly endless collection of amenities and conveniences.

Spread throughout a strikingly configured 3,900-square-foot floor plan, large-scale and intimate spaces are as well suited for entertaining as they are for treasured moments with family and friends. High ceilings and wide expanses of windows and glass doors allow the sunlight to serve as a naturally compelling design element while providing



The gourmet kitchen features a bar for the home chef.

views of the concrete patio and gracious pool area. The gourmet-style open kitchen features a center island and an oversized peninsula with casual seating. The

sophisticated. The second floor grand master suite presents a quiet oasis with his and her walk-in closets and a spa-like bath. Three additional second-floor bedrooms all open to a charming balcony.

The pool and patio areas are perfect for relaxing, dining and entertaining with a breezy flair. Close to parks, restaurants, shops and the University of Miami, this exquisite home combines all that makes Coral Gables a South Florida jewel.

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adjacent family room is bright and welcoming, and formal living and dining rooms are comfortably



The home features comfortably sophisticated spaces both in and out.

to design luxury and still leave an ethical footprint on the environment."

**How?** Single-use products and those made from plant or animal species that may be becoming endangered or harm the environment during their harvest have fallen out of favor. "We're using more reclaimed products and materials that can be reused," Haim said. "There's a new appreciation for materials that are time tested and are less harmful to the environment. Younger designers are more educated about the environment, and they realize what's at stake."

### LET THERE BE LIGHT

Lighting has always been important to interior design, and today, there are new ways of using it. "LEDs are the hottest things, and not just in ceilings," Lichi said. "We're integrating it within the architecture. You don't just see a strip of light; now there are LED panels where you can backlight complete walls. With the technology we have now, designers are

getting more creative."

"We're not seeing clear glass globes anymore," Saunders said. "Today's lighting is softer; people want the globe to be milk glass so you don't see the source of the light, you see the effect of the light."

Light is also part of a current focus on a healthier lifestyle, and technology plays a role. "People want lighting that supports circadian rhythms," Haim said. "This kind of lighting is thought to influence and enhance human sleep and waking cycles."

### PACKAGE ROOMS

The trend toward online shopping means more boxes and envelopes are being delivered to homes. Where to put them? "Our clients are asking us to design a place for all their incoming and outgoing packages," Saunders said. In addition to space to keep the boxes out of sight until they are opened or decisions are made about whether to keep or return the items they contain, the space might

include tools to open the packages, packing materials for returns, trash cans and even a printer to print return labels, Saunders added.

### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Not surprisingly, the pandemic has created a stronger focus on outdoor spaces. "People want to connect to the outdoors," Haim said. "They're putting money into improving their outdoor spaces, prioritizing them over indoor spaces."

Toward bringing the outdoors in. "People are incorporating green plants into the décor," Haim said. Indoor and outdoor living walls, as well as green roofs, are part of a global movement toward connecting with nature, she added.

Haim expects the focus on better ways to enjoy living at home to continue beyond the pandemic. "People have learned things can change overnight, and we have to be prepared," she said. "We have to be nimble and adaptive and flexible."