

Design Trends Winter 2008

Don't just snuggle up this winter season – be productive and get your design flare flowing with some of my top ten home decorating trends for this frosty season.

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1 Nostalgic colours – reminiscent of the groovy years but applied to create a modern twist. My favourite combo is deep mauves with lime greens – blend these with warm shades of whites, creams and ivories. For a tranquil look, go for lilac and sage.

2 Wallpapers are the new fancy wall art making a strong comeback. Make a statement by using it on a focal wall! It's a great way to introduce vivid colours, bold prints and patterns which are very current and are likely to stick around for many more seasons to come.

3 Natural woods such as natural maple, teak and suar make great accent pieces. Whether as a dining table or a hand carved bowl, these exotic woods will add that sense of Zen to your home.

4 Design for a good cause – whether it's a limited edition heart shaped dish by Le Creuset, a corkscrew by Alessi or even a mop by Vileda, these pink design objects are becoming unique icons. Pick up your favourite pink object and set aside a special place in your home for it!

5 The laundry focus has been making a glamorous comeback to this once dreaded room with the recent launch of some of the latest and greatest colourful front loading machines. Spice up your laundry room with a new colourful set or simply grab a bucket of paint and add a fresh splash of colour to your laundry room walls.



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6 Mirrors – either big or small, square or round, these reflective design musts are a great accent for any room in the house. Be daring and create a conversation piece on a wall by combining numerous mirrors of varied shapes and sizes, orchestrated like pieces of a puzzle.

7 Chandeliers – although these have always been a common design element in every traditional home, chandeliers are now a fashionable component of the dwelling and are no longer restricted to the formal room. These elaborate light sources are now being manufactured in all types of shapes, sizes and vivid colors. To create an opulent stance, experiment with a black chandelier.

8 Add warmth to any room in the house. From electric fireplaces to a new eco-friendly breed of fireplaces, these are now available locally with no venting or built-in installations required.

9 Feathers are the new fur! These can be seen on the runways of Milan and at your local home décor store. Accessorize with feather pillows, boas, lamp shades and other one-of-a-kind items being produced.

10 Intellectual objects – unique books about travel, design, fashion, etc., make a great accent in any room, either on a coffee table, on a shelf or even on your entrance console. These prized items bring cultural awareness to your everyday living.