

Bold Colors and Other Trends



The client requested a glamorous, bright, and elegant space to retreat to relax and read. A bright citron yellow color creates a ‘Wow’ effect. The sputnik chandelier and sconces for lighting give an out-of-this-world feel.



The client wanted the orange to really pop from the art, but still wanted color in the space. The backs of the chairs in the foreground also add visual interest.

There has been an increased focus on the home in the last two years since we've spent more time there than usual. During this time, many homeowners have refreshed or repurposed spaces; or they want to do so now. One important goal has been constant: ***We want our rooms to make us feel good and to be beautiful.***

After two years of being cancelled or limited, we finally returned to the huge International Home Furnishings Market last Fall and this past Spring. Here's a look at some of the trends we saw in many showrooms.

Color: Go Bold

Colorful showrooms throughout the Market added a burst of energy. Bright colors are in play. For the less daring, more muted dusty, earthy hues reminiscent of sunsets and deserts began to appear. Color is in in a big way. Grays are transitioning to browns and black is here to stay.



This bold and colorful breakfast nook was inspired by the gorgeous abstract painting already in the space. The space is crowned with the iron orb chandelier and framed with custom drapery panels on iron drapery hardware.

If you want to dive into this trend, it does require a bit of thought and planning to make sure the colors coordinate. Consider two or three dominating and coordinating colors and mix them into elements of the design in a repeating way.

Do splashes, not pops. If a bold colored sofa or accent wall is too much, use lighting, art, rugs, vases, bowls, or other accessories to add splashes of color.



Pillows and wall art can do wonders.

Bringing nature indoors is also trending. Using the green is one way to give an outdoor mood to a room. Use green as a backdrop with natural woods and accent it with other earthy colors.

Black and White remains a classic. Whether you use just a touch or make it dominant, the two can add drama and glamour to any space.

Dorothy Draper, an influential decorator in the early 1900s who revitalized the Greenbriar Hotel in West Virginia, believed that color not only adds ambience to a space, but also influences the mood of those occupying it.



Navy, gray and ivory in a big way.

In her 1939 book *Decorating is Fun*, Draper offers this advice: “Gather the samples of every color you intend using in your room first, then ask yourself whether you would wear them in one costume. If you wouldn’t, don’t ask your room to do it either.”



Blue dots on the rug and strawberry-colored chairs get your attention.

Textures

Textured fabrics such as Boucle, velvet, leather, and corduroy, for examples, appeal to the senses and add interest to a room décor. Richly upholstered furniture conveys an attitude of modern opulence.

Remember to add detail to your custom upholstery. This is especially important if a chair or sofa is going to float in the room. In that case, some contrasting detail on the back can make for a stunning statement.

Look to nature for inspiration for adding texture. The use of stone or wood accessories can both add texture and create a more peaceful outdoor-like sanctuary.



Vivid accessories add emphasis

Multifunctional

Both markets presented a variety of new types of sofa-beds, ottomans with storage, and other multifunctional furniture.

One sofa, for example, can pull out to one single bed or form a double bed by pulling out both halves. We also saw a bed unit that can be either a bunk bed or single. They also have become much easier to convert; it's no longer a back-breaking task.

Sectionals also were more prominent and in a wider range of configurations, such as having one end as chaise. Motion also is optional on more and more pieces.

In general, furnishing should not be seen as commodities. A beautiful space affects the senses. Create a space that makes you and others feel joyful.



A gorgeous teal sofa with beautiful lines and a pair of fuchsia velvet swivel chairs makes for a vibrant space.



This traditional all white kitchen received a joyful splash of red.



The black floor tile and black plumbing stand out against the white. The blue vanity and decorative stripe of wall tile add punch.

Designs by Niki can help you pull any room together by assisting with color choices, textures, designs from the floor to ceiling.

Hopefully, this booklet has given you enough information to feel confident about your new project.

Contact us today to get create a space that makes you and others feel joyful.