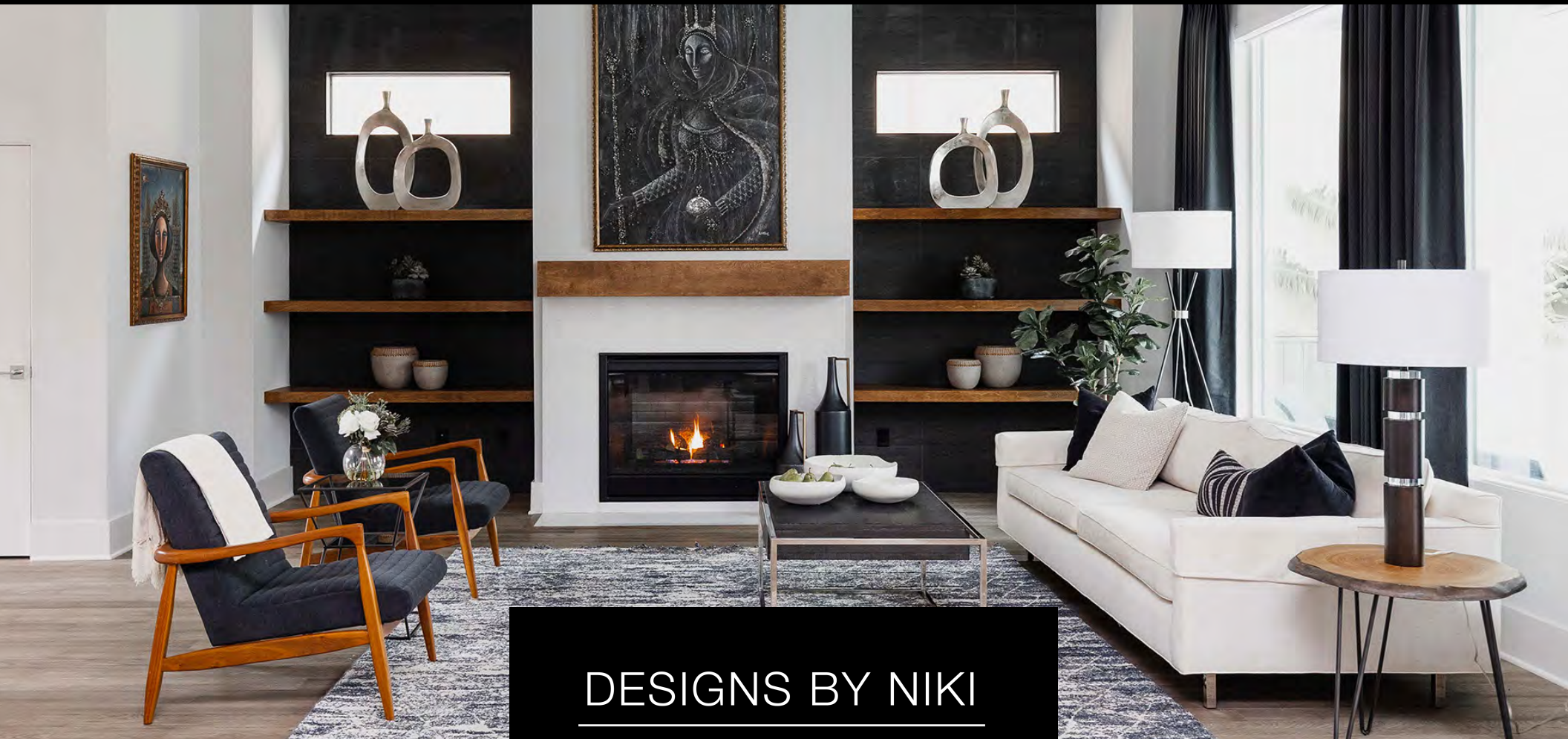


CURRENT DESIGN TRENDS

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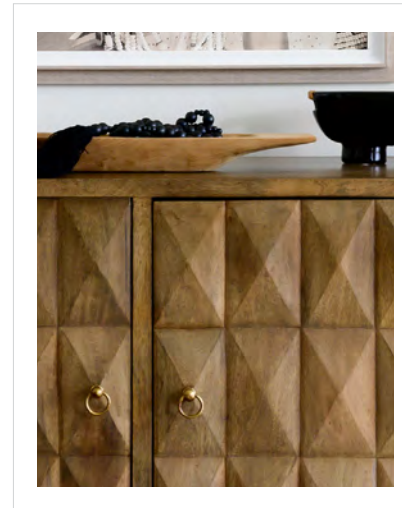
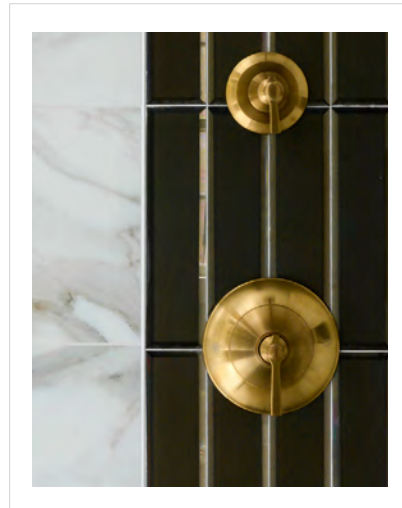
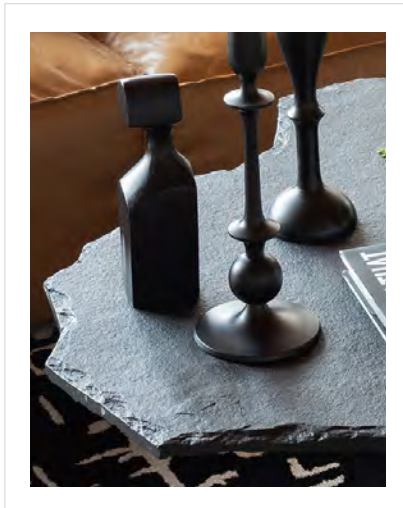


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Introduction

Designing a home that mirrors your personal taste — and is equally comfortable and stylish — should always be the top priority. Following current trends can help you achieve this while also creating a timely, modern living space.

Of course, you can't forget the classic decor and timeless interior design themes. There are also certain design styles that can last for decades. From color schemes and midcentury modern, to interesting textures and inspiration from nature, there are so many different ways to personalize your home and keep it that way for years to come.

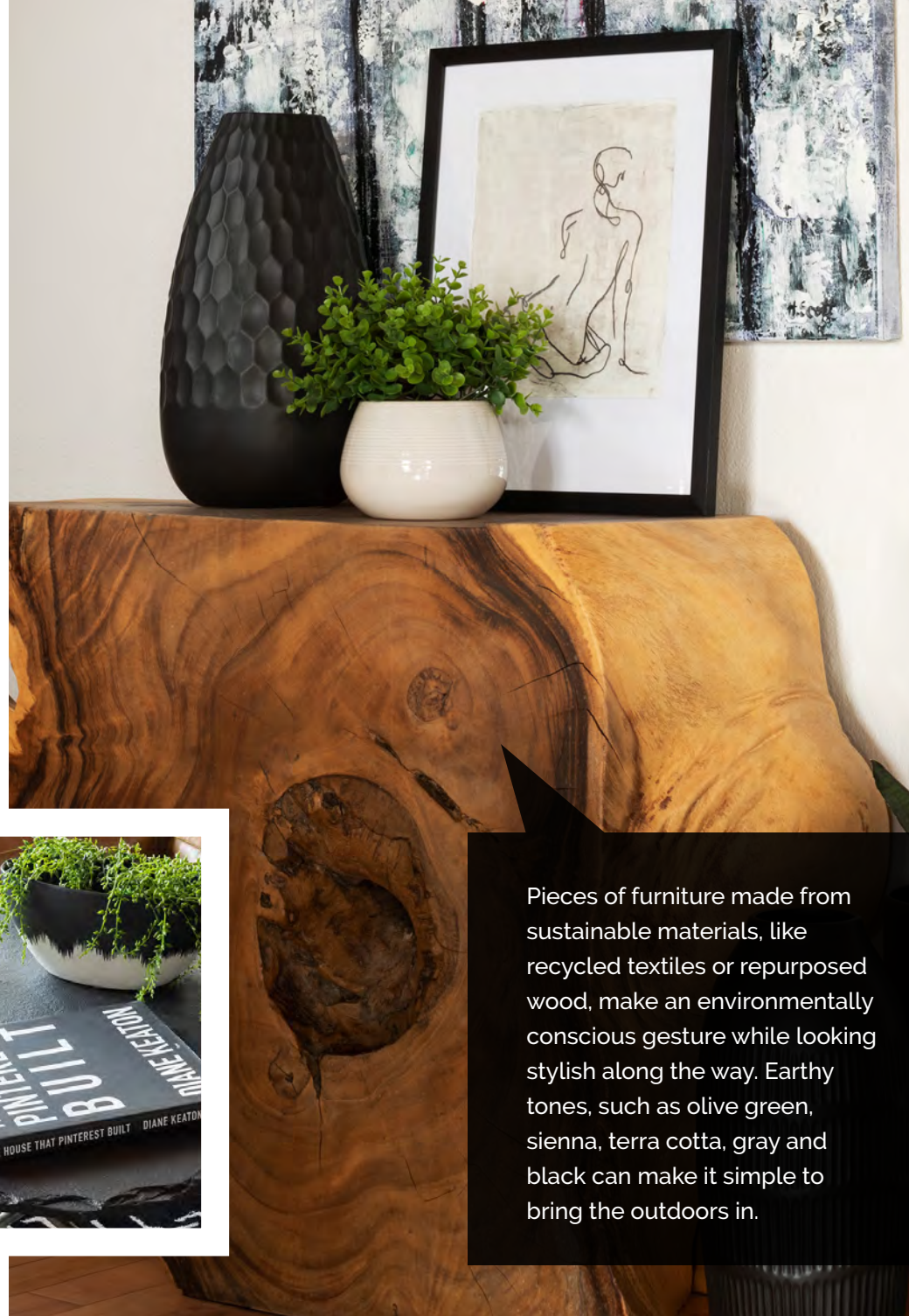
In this eBook, we'll uncover some of the current design trends as well as the classics to consider for your own living space.



Design inspired by nature

When we think about design and decor inspired by nature, it goes above and beyond adding a few house plants to the mix.

Our natural environment and the beloved quirks, cracks and crevices behind Mother Nature have given homeowners the craving to incorporate sustainable furniture, earthy hues and unrefined textures. With more people concerned about the safety of our planet than ever, incorporating design inspired by nature is a trend to consider.



Pieces of furniture made from sustainable materials, like recycled textiles or repurposed wood, make an environmentally conscious gesture while looking stylish along the way. Earthy tones, such as olive green, sienna, terra cotta, gray and black can make it simple to bring the outdoors in.

Multifunctional spaces

Open floor plans may be in, but many are looking for ways to create invisible boundaries and influence distinct multifunctional spaces. Here are some of the more recent popular trends we've seen in creating separate areas within large, open floor plans:



Using furniture for division.

We see this trend used in most open floor plans that crave more structure — floating furniture near the center of the room is a simple way to maximize your space while adding division between specific areas of your home.

Investing in dividers.

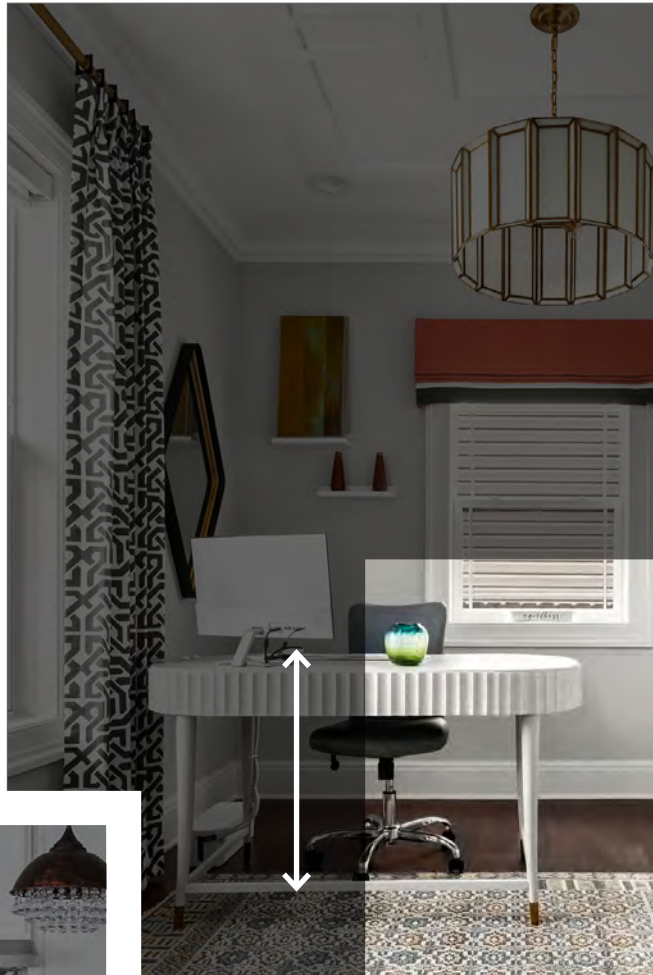
Classic dividers can be used to create more concrete lines of division in an open floor plan.

Making invisible lines with color.

This can be a fun way to create lines of division in your living space, just make sure that the hues coordinate with each other to avoid a cluttered, disjointed feel.

High-tech furniture

Traditional interior design and decor has emphasized furniture, texture and color. These elements are still just as important as ever, but the digital landscape has made incorporating high-tech furniture and features into the design another priority for many homeowners.



You can start small and add a few digital elements to your living space, or you can go all out and create your very own smart home. No matter the pace, there's no stopping this trend. Here are a few examples of digital features for a high-tech living space:

- ▶ Sound system
- ▶ Touch-screen refrigerator
- ▶ Height adjustable desks for sitting and standing
- ▶ Desktop mouse pads
- ▶ Adjustable beds
- ▶ Exercise mirrors
- ▶ Automated window shades and drapery
- ▶ And more.

These examples of high-tech furniture were designed to make taking care of home tasks more convenient and relaxing.

Asian-inspired theme

From the 1920s through the 1950s, design periods such as Art Deco, Hollywood Regency and Mid-Century Modern show influences from Asian style that continue to live on throughout home design and decor.

The modernization of Asian style can be used throughout homes via original artwork, architectural curves and more. Black and white pops up in most cases of Asian-inspired design, a timeless color pairing that you can emphasize for decades.

Distinct lines within architecture can also be considered Asian-inspired. This style can help you create a space that feels more uniform and concrete.



Wall coverings and artwork inspired by literature, nature and classic Asian symbols can also make a major statement when you're aiming for this theme.

Mid Century modern theme

Mid Century modern is a theme that's been relevant for decades with no signs of stopping. Even if you consider Mid Century modern too far from your personal style, there are so many important elements we find throughout new age modern that have been influenced by the former.

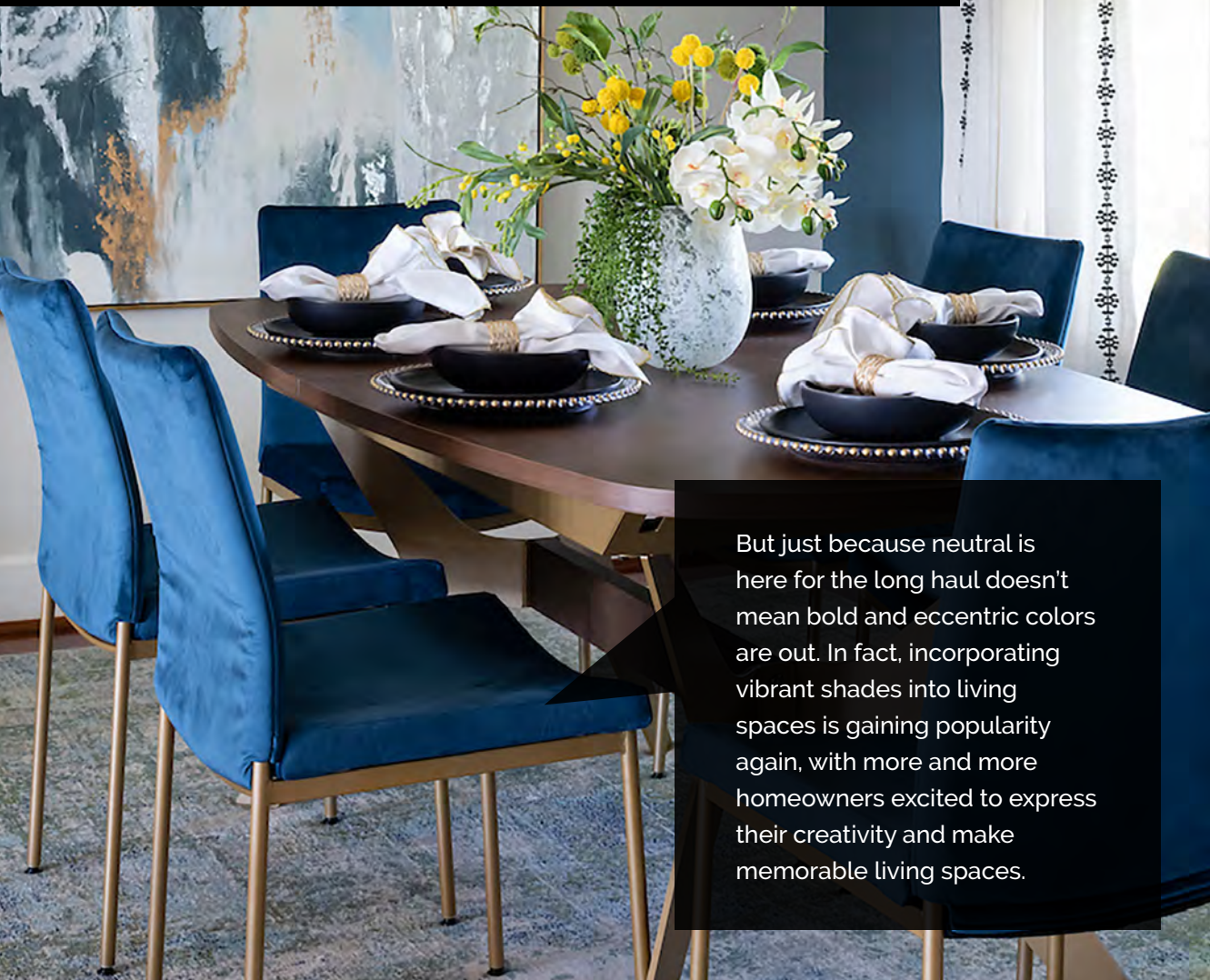
This theme began and flourished as the ideal and most prominent architecture and furniture design in the U.S. during the post-World War II years. It was inspired by the European artists who fled to the U.S. from Germany, such as Walter Gropius, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and Marcel Breuer.



Some of the most popular and ever-trendy elements of mid century modern design include:

- ▶ Functional wood pieces
- ▶ Curved design elements and clean lines
- ▶ Bold jewel tones and vibrant colors
- ▶ Graphic shapes

Making a statement with bold colors



But just because neutral is here for the long haul doesn't mean bold and eccentric colors are out. In fact, incorporating vibrant shades into living spaces is gaining popularity again, with more and more homeowners excited to express their creativity and make memorable living spaces.

If there's one thing designers and homeowners alike can agree on, it's that neutral isn't going anywhere. Simplicity and achromatic palettes inspire people to enjoy the little details in their home with minimal distraction.

Some simple — yet effective — ways to incorporate bold colors into your home include:

For a drastic statement:

Paint walls or furniture. Accent walls can help you achieve this look, but an entire room painted with a vibrant color can take things to the next level.

For a mild statement:

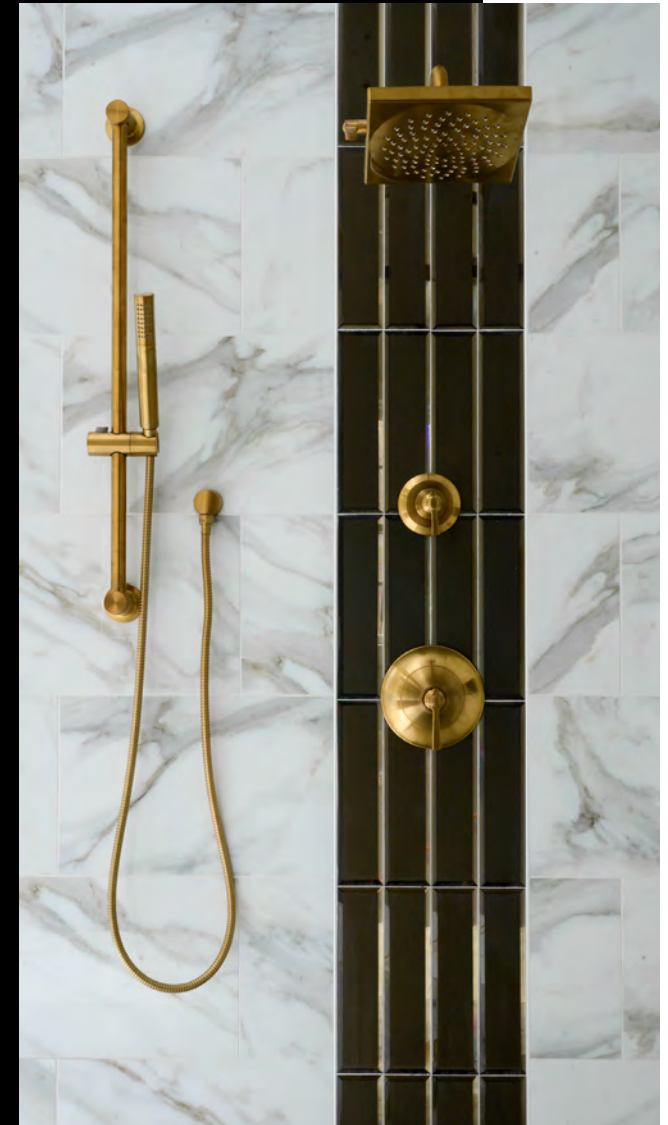
Incorporate bold accessories. Choose a single daring color to use throughout the room for a uniform yet fun statement.

It's all in the details

Instead of designing with straight lines and neutrality, design with more attention to detail. This trend isn't only important from a design standpoint, but it's also essential from a storytelling perspective. Curves in furniture and architecture can give a living space more character and depth, influencing a space for creativity and free thinking.

Paying closer attention to detail in your design adds so much value to your living space. It turns an element of your room into a conversation starter instead of an overlooked piece of furniture. It uses nontraditional decor that encourages you to take a chance and step outside of your comfort zone.

When you're ready to take on your next room revamp project, consider taking the risk and add the details and decor you've always wanted.



Conclusion

While we can embrace these current style trends, as well as the ones that have been around for decades, we're excited to see how the market changes in the future. We're eager to see what's next and excited to help you incorporate them into your living space!

If you're ready to take your living space to the next level, reach out to the team at Designs By Niki. We can help you incorporate timeless design elements and up and coming trends into your home to create the home of your dreams.

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