



11 *super-prime interior design trends for 2019*

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1. Blackened Metals

Over the last decade the preference for metal interiors have moved from nickel, to rose gold, to polished brass and lastly to satin brass. We expect that the next big trend will be blackened metal. It's more rustic and works as a striking and sharp contrast to the light interiors that are very much in fashion at the moment. An architectural blackened pewter frame on an ivory armchair is beautiful statement whilst blackened brass trims can add a bold twist to a piece of joinery in a weathered blond timber.

2. Textured Stone

We predict that polished marbles are about to be replaced with more tactile stones. Finishes such as honed, brushed, tumbled, flamed, leathered and sandblasted are slowly replacing

the shiny polished look that we are used to seeing. We also think that more tactile stone types such as limestone are rapidly gaining ground.

3. Foliage & Single Variety Flowers

The recent wild and hand-picked style of flower arrangements are being replaced with large bunches of foliage and/or single variety flowers. The idea is for them to look super casual rather than curated.

4. Beige

After years of grey being the on-trend colour in all of its shades, beige is back in favour. And not the safe greige kind – full on warm creamy beige. It takes a bit of getting used to but it adds a lovely warmth to an interior.

5. Blinds and Sheers

We're sensing that curtains are increasingly being replaced by roman blinds. The idea is for the window treatment to take a back seat rather than centre stage – to naturally blend in and be beautifully constructed, sleek and practical. Heavy drapes, curtain ties and fabric pooling on the floor are all things of the past. On a similar theme, more and more of our projects just have simple sheer curtains – again moving away from the formality and dominance of heavy or dress curtains. We are exploring exquisite fabrics with texture, interwoven detail and delicate edge features.

6. Folk & Gypsy

Think Shaman motifs and gypsy-inspired embroidery...this weaves an air of intrigue into the design concept alongside powerful symbolism. This was seen recently with the eagle light from Klove Studio in their new collection launched at Dubai Design Week.

7. Uneven edges to rugs, and rugs as artwork

Moving away from the formality and tradition of orthogonal rugs, rugs with deconstructed edges to bring a playful abstraction to a space are making their way into our projects. An abstracted non rigid edge creates opportunities for movement within a space and exploring how rugs define a room. We are creating bespoke rugs with incredible 'artwork' on them, whether in the form of pattern but more so in the multitude of material, weave, texture and interplay of all these with colour and edge.

8. Lime Green & Yellow

These two colours are noticeably prevalent in our colour palettes – zesty, full of pigment and engaging, they are increasingly available in the new fabric ranges being released by the

suppliers we work with.

9. Colour Blocking & Bringing Varying Colours together

We are continuing to explore and study how multiple colours and pigments come together in the context of the space they occupy. Colour is greatly influenced by the light that it reflects, so we always take into account site specifics. Moving away from interior themes that champion a single 'pop' colour, we are bringing projects to life that interweave several colours with strong impact and personality.

10. Ruffles, Borders & Fringes with a retro twist

We are noticing detail coming through in ruffles, borders and fringes with a 70's revival as a theme, whether in the colour or the pattern on the borders.

11. Diffusion Between Fashion and Interiors

There are now slightly blurred boundaries between the worlds of fashion and interior design with fashion heavyweights moving into the interior design space. Recent examples are the Armani Casa flagship store now open on Sloane Street, the furniture and interior accessories lines by Louis Vuitton and developing furniture collections by Missoni and Bottega Veneta. This diffusion really comes alive with collaborations marrying the two for example Karl Lagerfeld x Christofle.

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