



Blue cabinetry, dual pendants, and softer wood tones make a striking kitchen. (Photo courtesy of Dura Supreme Cabinetry)

5 Home Color and Design Trends for 2019

IF THERE'S ONE THING we can count on, it's that home design trends will change over time. Thanks to the Color Marketing Group, an international association of designers who meet annually to focus the direction of color and design trends, we as consumers see their influence in color and design palettes across all industry segments—commercial and residential interiors, technology, fashion, and automotive. We highlight here five notable design trends:

HIGH CONTRAST TO SOFTENING:

The mix of dark stains and white paint has enjoyed a strong 10-year run. The once sharp contrast is beginning to soften with the introduction of warmer whites along with the introduction of blues and greens. Warm, natural-looking woods are replacing the coffee browns, providing a “softened” combination, especially when paired with colored paints.

MULTIPLE PENDANTS TO SINGLE OR DOUBLE

Multiple small pendants have been replaced by much larger single “statement”

pieces, or dual pendants over islands. Striking light fixtures are playing a prominent new role as focal points in kitchens and foyers, as well as over dining areas.

BRUSHED BRASS

It's not your mother's brass, but a softer, more sophisticated matte/brushed finish not only in door hardware and faucets but in hinges, light fixtures, mesh cabinet inserts, and even appliance details. Bronze, nickel, matte black, and copper remain available options, as well as mixing metals has become not only acceptable, but highly fashionable.

TEXTURE, TEXTURE, AND MORE TEXTURE

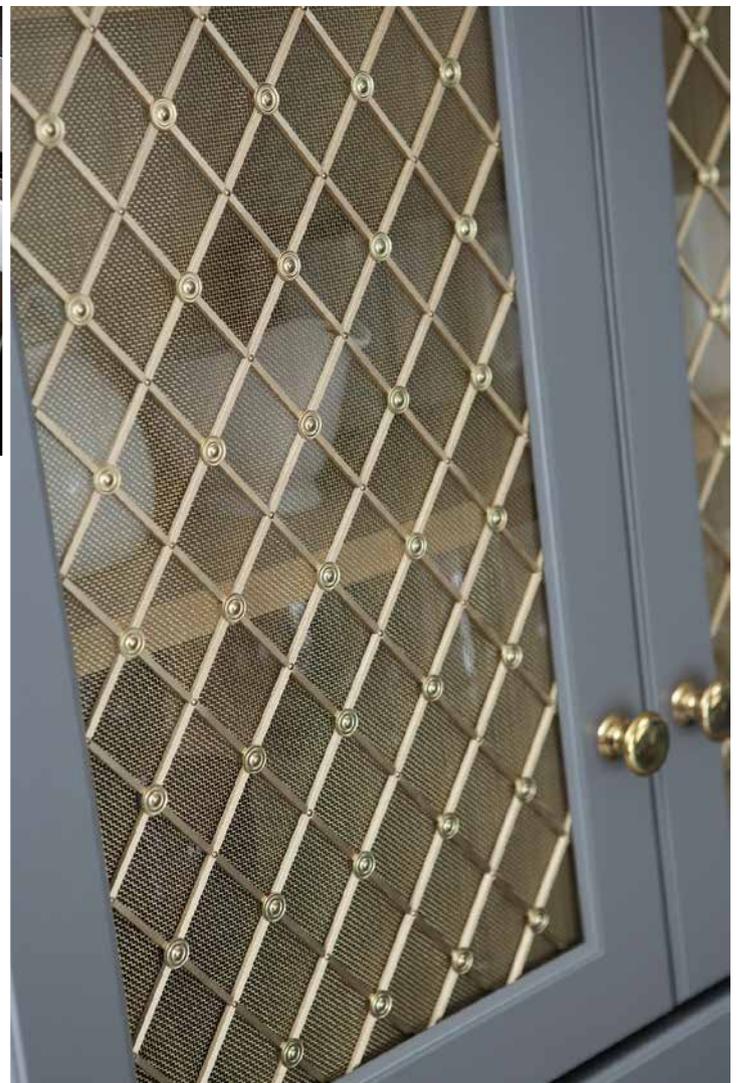
Cerused woods, rough stone, hand-scraped surfaces, grasses and rattans, and fluffy white seat covers or pillows are all “in”. Selective combinations of details like these serve to break up smooth contemporary “hard” surfaces, soften rooms, and contribute character and interest to otherwise sanitary white on white spaces.



Left: Matte black, gray tones, and encaustic tile detail this master bath.

Bottom Left: Cersused oak contributes to the textured surface of this blue-gray cabinetry.

Below: Brass mesh displays glassware in this elegant cabinet door.



BLUE AND GREEN

Although gray has emerged as the new “neutral” recently—nearly eclipsing the seemingly endless white cabinet trend—current interiors are incorporating shades of blues and now soft greens into their color palettes. When paired with “true brown” woods, (browns stains with no yellow/orange undertones), or the more recent “natural” woods, blue and green is bringing bold colors back into interiors.

Although we show a beautiful way to incorporate blue into a kitchen in the photo here, depending on one’s commitment level, opportunities to include blues and greens can range from simple wall paint and accessories, furniture, and fabrics, to more permanent applications in tile and cabinetry for those more committed to the hue.

There are so many great options today, so pick and choose the details that speak to you the most as you strive to create a home that you truly love and desire to be in! 

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