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decorating trends

how do I decide on the best look for my home?

o you remember the trendy colors of past decades? The avocado green, rust, and harvest gold of the 60's. Then the bright primary colors of red, yellow, orange, and blue of the early 70's. The 80's brought the gray with mauve and blue. Followed by the jewel tones of hunter green and burgundy in the early 90's that changed to sage, gold, and cinnamon as we started the next century.

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Every personality and style needs the right tone and shade to enhance their look. Check out the website of www.sherwin-williams.com to access their four collections of colors. Rooted collection is the kaleidoscopic spirit of the 60's and 80's with a global and cultural influence. The colors of the Simplified collection are more sophisticated and understated hues. If you like vintage hues, check out the Treasured collection which is more timeless. The rich and earthy colors of the Rooted collection have a natural element. Everyone has their favorite colors that best enhance their style and personality along with their furnishings and treasures.



Since 1990, Heritage Design Interiors has been decorating homes and workplaces in Lancaster and surrounding counties. Whether it be new construction, renovations, complete home makeovers, or something more modest, the HDI professional design consultants will assist you in coordinating the perfect look for you and your style. Their customized design services are tailored to your needs and their guidance will relieve the stress so common during the selection process.

Every year for the past 19 years, the Parade of Home models that were decorated by Heritage Design Interiors have won the "Best of Show" and "Best Interior Design" awards along with other awards for their design work. For the past ten years, Heritage Design Interiors has been voted as one of the "Top Ten Designers" by the readers of Lancaster County Magazine. In addition, Heritage Design Interiors has been voted "#1 Designers" by the readers of Lancaster Newspapers in their "Best of Lancaster" survey.

Wallpaper is returning.

Try a colorful patterned wallpaper to add life to your home. Powder rooms are great to wallpaper. They are a smaller area so your investment is less. Dining rooms are enhanced by wallpaper when coordinated with an area rug, china, linens, and accessories.

Brass is coming back.

Gold has made a comeback in the fashion industry so you will see that look in cabinetry hardware, plumbing/ lighting fixtures, and accessories. You may see it in the traditional polished finish or a matte gold finish which has a new vibrant look.

The past decade has been amazing for the decorating industry. With more decorating shows to inspire people, decorating trends have gone in many directions depending on your style and taste. The decorating industry offers many more options of fabrics for window treatments and upholstery, rods, furniture, flooring, area rugs, wall finishes/coverings, and accessories than in the past. Lighting/plumbing fixtures, cabinetry, windows, doors and hardware have a wide array of styles and finishes to compliment the house style and client's taste.

With new trends and so many choices of every decorating element, how do you decide on the best options and then how do you coordinate all of them?

First off, I recommend looking around your home and reviewing your existing furnishings. Decide on what you like and what you don't like. Are there any items that must stay due to heirlooms, gifts, etc?

Review decorating magazines and books. If you see a room, color, furnishings, etc that you like, mark it. Have an open mind about the variety of styles that you see. If

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there is a room that you love but there are certain items that you are not fond of, make a note of the dislikes.

Go window shopping. Checkout what is new at your local stores. Take brochures, pictures and notes. Inquire about cost to see if your pocketbook can accommodate.







Depending on your time and/or talents, you may need another option. There are pros and cons on who to ask. If their style and taste is similar to yours, friends or family members could be helpful, however your new decorating project may look like it belongs in their home and doesn't reflect you. Another option is hiring a decorator or designer to coordinate your style with existing and/or new furnishings. It is very important that you work with someone who compliments you and doesn't force you into options that don't reflect your taste. Ask friends or coworkers about decorators, visit model homes or go on the Parade of Homes tour. Also, check out their websites for photos of their work and/or visit their showroom.

When you are redecorating or remodeling, it is okay to work on projects in phases. If you are decorating in phases, it is best to have an overall plan to avoid costly mistakes and disappointment caused by mismatched décor.

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