The top 20 home design trends of 2017

As the new year approaches, everyone is looking for ways to improve their lives — whether it's shedding a few pounds, taking on a new hobby or completely revamping their living space for renewed inspiration.

Take note: The next year's home trends call for lush colors, plush textures and modernistic takes on traditional designs that make the perfect environment to create a "new you." (Or for staging a buyer's new home!)

Although it may not be advisable to incorporate all these trends into a home you're trying to sell, HomeAdvisor Chief Economist Brad Hunter says Realtors can use the following trends to help buyers imagine how a potential new home could look.

"Ideas for changing color schemes, updating countertops and undertaking more significant remodels can be mentioned while showing the home, depending upon the body language and comments the shopper is making," said Hunter.

Furthermore, he noted that 2017's trending renovations, such as "human docking stations" and "shedquarters" — along with upgrades, such as new appliances, countertops and cabinets — can help a home get sold quickly and at a higher price. Score!

Traditional kitchens with a twist

1. **Built-in bars**

Bring the party home with a sleek built-in bar.

The trend, which is a twist on 2016's bar cart trend, is the perfect addition for homeowners who love to entertain. The bars add instant pizzazz to an otherwise traditional kitchen, plus offer built-in shelving for cocktail fixings, drinks, glasses and everything you'll need for a ritzy night in.

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2. **Contrasting islands**

Is a built-in bar a little over-the-top for you? Then a colorful island is a simple substitute that offers extra room for mixing drinks and whipping up tasty snacks for family and friends.

The key to nailing this trend and making it modern is choosing a contrasting color. Have a kitchen with a lot of warm hues? Choose an island in a cool shade, as seen in the photo below.

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3. **Colored island plus colored fridge**

Feeling colorful? Add a 1950s-style fridge in a vibrant hue to your kitchen.

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4. **Hexagonal tile backsplash**

It might have been “hip to be square” in 2016, but 2017’s tile designs are all about experimenting with other geometric shapes — namely, hexagons. Go for a cool, monochromatic look as seen below, or choose a few complementary colors for a punchy focal point.

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5. **White and wood kitchens**

If complex geometric shapes and bright colors aren’t your cup of tea, embrace a simple style with white accessories and wood countertops for a modern twist on country chic.

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6. **Wall of tile in kitchen**

See a pattern here? Clearly, 2017’s kitchen style heavily relies on tile to create focal points and direct the overall vibe of a kitchen.

Homeowners who think a backsplash isn’t enough are covering their kitchens with full floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall tiles.

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7. **Marble surfaces**

Is tile simply not for you? If so, opt for marble in shades of white and light gray for countertops, flooring, tabletops and home accessories, such as serving platters and vases.

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In living color

8. **Go Greenery**

Recently, Pantone released its 2017 color of the year, Greenery.

Greenery is bright, lush and perfect for homeowners who want to bring the outdoors indoors. But Real Estate Staging Association CEO Shell Brodnax says sellers would be wiser to stick with neutral colors, such as grays with beige undertones.

9. **Opt for Shadow or Poised Taupe**

Brodnax favors Benjamin Moore’s color of the year, Shadow 2117-30, and Sherwin Williams’ color, Poised Taupe SW 6039, both of which are neutral tones that add understated warmth to a room.

COLOR OF THE YEAR 2017

Shadow

2117-30

Benjamin Moore®

Sherwin William’s ‘Poised Taupe’

10. **Beige is in**

If gray is a little too dim, consider using a palette of beige-based neutrals to create a warm and cozy atmosphere.

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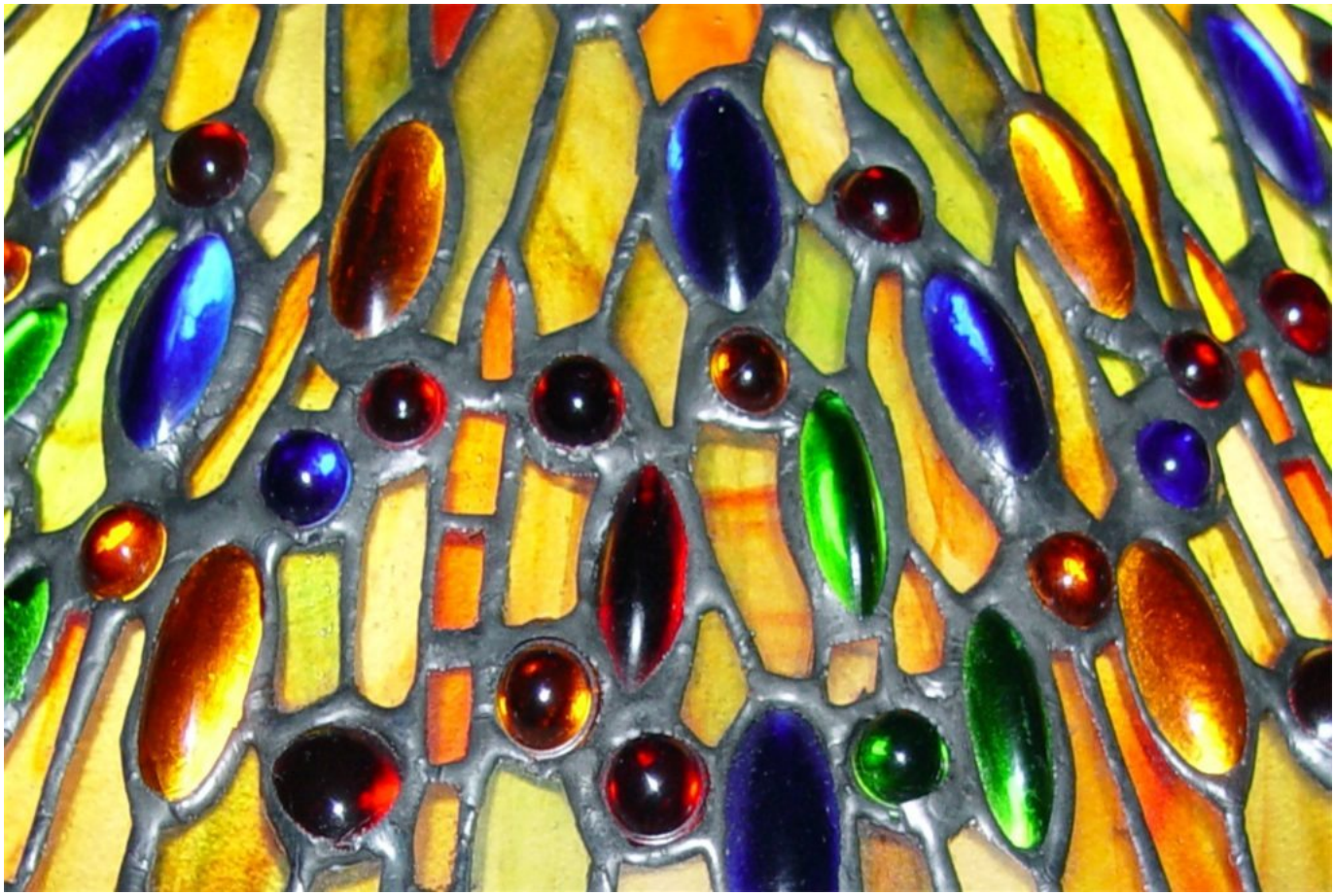
11. **Don’t forget the color!**

With all these neutral tones taking stage in 2017, it’s important to add pops of color to keep your space from looking “blah.”

Designers and homeowners alike are favoring saturated jewel tones (such as emerald green and sapphire blue) in artwork, furniture and other home accessories.



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12. **Velvet aboveground**

Another way to add color and texture to a space is with a velvet statement piece. Designers are adding the lush fabric on sofas, throw pillows and even curtains for a sultry look.

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In the bath

13. **You’re so vain**

Vanities are making a comeback, and instead of reaching for pre-manufactured designs, homeowners are getting crafty by using chests of drawers, old file cabinets and vintage consoles to make one-of-a-kind pieces.

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14. **Black steel (and glass)**

Take your shower to the next level with black steel and glass doors. The result is an understated chic space that allows plenty of natural light to come through.

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Playful bedrooms

15. **They hang brightly**

Instead of table lamps, consider hanging pendant lights in the bedroom to create a whimsical style. This option works especially well in small rooms where there’s no space for nightstands (or where you want to use your nightstand space for something besides a lamp).

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16. **Time for romance**

While neutral tones will be popular for living rooms, kitchens and bathrooms, warm, romantic colors

will rule bedrooms.

According to Houzz, colors like raspberry pink, deep ruby red, caramel and even black are the perfect shades to make a room that Cupid will want to stay in all year long.

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Let me upgrade you

HomeAdvisor Chief Economist Brad Hunter says 2017 will be about lifestyle renovation projects that make day-to-day life convenient and more luxurious.

“The kinds of projects that were deferred during the recession, and for several years after the recession ended [will be popular],” says Hunter.

“People decided back then to be very judicious with their money, and so they put off some of the enhancements.”

17. **Multi-room remodels**

Hunter expects to see more multi-room remodels and other major remodels. People waited until their home’s value was well above previous levels before embarking on lofty projects.

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18. **Human docking stations**

Hunter says that since Wi-Fi allows homeowners to work anyplace within the home, there’s less of a need for a home office.

He notes there does have to be a place to store printers, file cabinets and so on, but in 2017 homeowners will opt for “docking stations” made out of a small equipment cabinet with a drop-down or pull-out desk surface to tackle quick tasks.

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19. **Garage remodels**

Garages are notoriously misused as storage spaces, some with barely enough room for a car.

Hunter says garages can be put to use by converting them into mother-in-law suites or as a guest room for family and friends.

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20. **Shedquarters**

“The term ‘shedquarters’ has been used to refer to a small structure that is on the property, but outside the house, often utilized for home-based businesses,” says Hunter.

“This is a spinoff of the ‘tiny house’ movement, and one that will see more interest in the next couple of years. We expect to see more of these planned for ‘flex’ or ‘hybrid’ use, such as [an] office/party room.”

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