

6 Home Trends of 2018, According to an Interior Designer
WINTER 2018



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2018 is officially here! And while most of December was tinged with nostalgia, the beginning of the new year is spent musing about what's to come – including the year's most promising trends.

Whether you're planning to move into a new space or yearning to refresh your current one, dressing your home in the latest fads is a stylish way to ring in the new year.

We asked interior designer **Tim Campbell** to share his design predictions for the year ahead. From compact kitchens to rooms full of moody hues, here's what you can expect for 2018.

1. Back to Black



Welcome to the dark side – aesthetically speaking, of course. Pristine backsplashes and porcelain dishes may have been all the rage of years past, but 2018 is all about introducing darker hues into your kitchen. According to Campbell, the easiest (and most affordable) way to do so is by switching up your serveware. "While I don't cook much, I like my food to look good before being served up to my guests," he says. "Basic black ceramics are a very modern way to plate a good meal."

West Elm's collection of two-toned mugs, vases and planters offers a hint of drama, but will still match your pearly white plates.

2. Printed to Perfection



Unlike the wallpaper of yesteryear — which is time-consuming, expensive and, well, permanent — a removable wall covering is just what you need to spice up your walls this year. All you need to do is find an affordable pattern you like, peel and stick it onto your walls, and remove it once it no longer tickles your design fancy. It's that simple.

"One of the easiest ways to change up a room is with a new wall covering, even if it's just one wall," Campbell says. "It works in a modern space as easily as in a traditional space. Since it's so affordable, it can be used as a seasonal decorative move."

Urban Outfitters' palm print is perfect for both accent walls and small bathrooms.

3. Shrinking Kitchen



Kitchens are not only getting darker — they're also getting smaller.

"With the advent of apps like Caviar and Postmates, which provide access to delivery of food from higher-end restaurants, I'm seeing kitchens get smaller," Campbell says. "Appliances are getting more minimal and less intrusive. And steamers are replacing conventional microwaves for reheating food in a way that preserves the freshness of pre-prepared meals."

Cuisinart has been a go-to for kitchen appliances for years, so this user-friendly steamer and oven will not disappoint. Plus, you can pick it up for just under \$300 at Williams-Sonoma.

4. A Spritz of Nature



Room sprays have been around since what feels like the beginning of time, but this year we're going back to the basics with a surge of natural yet welcoming scents.

"I've noticed a trend towards natural products for the bath, and few do it better than Aesop in my opinion," Campbell says. "Clients are spending more and more time in their bathrooms and wanting their products to be as natural as the stone on their floors."

For a home that will appeal to all the senses, try **Aesop's Cythera Aromatique** room spray. A favorite of Campbell's, it boasts a calming blend of geranium, myrrh, and patchouli.

5. Gray Skies



Move over, Millennial Pink. The moody hue trend is spreading outside your kitchen and into just about every other corner of your home.

"I'm using mixes of grays in our color palettes more these days than in years past," Campbell says. "Our clients love it because it's reassuring in trying times to have color palettes that soothe away the cacophonous outside world. My favorite grays are Benjamin Moore's Cheating Heart, Rock Gray, and Pelican Gray."

Not ready to take such a big design risk? Try peppering gray accents throughout your home. **Campbell is partial to these charcoal throw pillows from Crate & Barrel.**

6. Comfort Class



We'd like to argue a good sofa never goes out of style, but 2018's crop of couches are designed with optimal lounging in mind.

"Comfortable sofas that invite you to nest for hours on end are not new, but my clients are requesting them more than ever," Campbell says. "A deeper seat depth provides for a great rainy-day or movie-night experience."

In addition to having just the right sink and bounce, **this option from RH Modern** can be rearranged to create both cozy chaises and stylish sectionals.