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Design Trends You'll Love for 2025

MIDIMALISM

The simple, clean aesthetics of Scandinavia and Japan combine to create a style known as "Japandi." Add to that a splash of color and texture and you arrive at Midimalism. The look embodies clean lines, functionality, neutrals, warm wood and natural materials. Think cozy pillows, throws, soft textures and lightly colored patterns. Like the story of Goldilocks, Midimalism embraces the ideal of being "just right."

ACCENT COLORS

Goodbye to Gray-and-White Everything and Hello, Accent Colors. Among the most popular colors this year are reds, greens, blues and earthtones. Push it a bit more with something known as color-drenching: wall colors, carpets, window treatments and wall art come together in one room with a similar colored-accent theme.

ARTISANAL & HANDMADE

Whatever term you want to use, this look is all about objects that look handmade: woven baskets, carved wood, wheel-thrown pottery, woven rugs, macrame and original paintings. The beauty is in the asymmetry and imperfection of the natural materials used.

MODERN ECLECTICISM & HEIRLOOMS

This design aesthetic embraces family history by celebrating vintage and retro looks, and actual family hand-me-downs. That gaudy hand-crocheted throw your great-grandma made back in the day will finally have its place.

INVISIBLE TECHNOLOGY

We have moved past drawing attention to our smart home's smartness. With the current emphasis on eco-friendly natural materials comes the trend of having your home be completely set with the latest technology--but keeping it discreetly hidden from view.

ECO-FRIENDLY

With climate change on everyone's minds it's no wonder that designing products that are eco-friendly has become a major movement. This ideal focuses on locally made items, repurposed objects and products with a Fair-Trade label. Energy-efficient lighting and water-saving features are also part of the package. For furniture, focus on vegan-leather, rattan, wood and bamboo. For wall art, look for pieces in any style that feature landscapes, treescapes, seascapes, and florals.

TEXTURE

Whether it's a boucle chair, wall art, or an actual wall, texture is the latest big thing. Look for pieces made from faux-fur, velvet, satin, burlap, linen, wallpaper, wood paneling and decorative plaster finishes.

BRING THE OUTDOORS IN

Creating a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor spaces is another trend that keeps gaining momentum with no ending in sight. And this is as it should be: outdoor living areas can (and should) be designed to be as comfortable and stylish as their indoor counterparts. Incorporate outdoor kitchens, cozy seating areas, and weather-resistant decor that blur the lines from indoors to outside.

February Calendar

February 2 - Groundhog Day

February 10 - Home Warranty Day

February 14 - St. Valentine's Day

February 17 - Presidents Day

Homeowner Tips



Protect Your Home's Entryway

Whether it's rain, snow, or sleet, tracking moisture into your home's entryway can take its toll on your floor.

It's a given that you place an all-weather mat outside the door, but be sure to keep a mat inside the door as well. Consider a shoe or boot rack in the entryway to offer your family a place to park wet shoes somewhere other than indoors. Install sturdy hooks for wet jackets and gloves.

Fun Ways to Celebrate Valentine's Day on a Budget

Lucky us, Valentine's Day falls on a Friday this year so we have the whole weekend to soak it up. Here are some fun ideas to celebrate Valentine's Day if you're on a budget....and even if you're not:

1. Go roller skating - then check out a new restaurant for an apres-skating snack.
2. Check out a museum or art gallery you've never been to before.
3. Play board or card games, followed by a fondue dinner at home.
4. Venture out on a nearby hike or walk.

5. Plan a DIY at-home wine-tasting event. If you're going sober, do non-alcoholic tastings. (There are plenty to choose from these days.)

6. Make pizzas together with weird or exotic ingredients (figs and feta cheese, anyone?). Shape the pizza like a heart. Then splurge on a new movie download.

7. Do a five-year Vision Board. Then take a couples photo. Plan to do this again next year so you can track your progress.

8. Visit a nearby town you've never been to. Go window shopping, then have lunch.



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Easy Classic Cheese Fondue for Four

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Electric fondue pot, set of fondue forks

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Large Clove Garlic Sliced in Half
- 1 1/2 Tbsp Brandy
- 1 Tsp Lemon Juice
- 1 Cup Dry White Wine
- 16 oz Grated Gruyere Cheese
- 8 oz Grated Swiss Cheese
- 1 1/4 Tbsp Cornstarch
- Pinch of Kosher Salt
- Nutmeg - Freshly Grated
- 1/8 Tsp Fresh Cracked Black Pepper

DIRECTIONS

Rub the pot with the garlic, then discard garlic. Put cheese and wine in the pot, then sprinkle with cornstarch. Cook on medium heat until cheese melts, stirring frequently. Add remaining ingredients while gently stirring. Turn heat to low, serve immediately.

Consider kicking up your fondue with stout beer, chiles, mustard or mushrooms.

WHAT TO DIP:

Roasted potato pieces, raw or steamed vegetables, crusty bread cubes, pears, apples, pieces of cooked meat.

