

Interior Design Predictions for 2010.

2010 will be a year where the right interior design is paramount. Due to the economic downturn, more and more people will be looking to entertain at home and turning to money-saving ways of making their home look special. Recycled and repurposed items mixed with eco-friendly natural materials are the over-riding themes for the year. Here is our rundown of interior design predictions for 2010.

Natural Materials - Solid wood flooring has been popular for a number of years now and it's no surprise that this is a trend that will continue into 2010. Natural materials will become more popular in other areas of the home too. Think solid wood furniture and accessories instead of glass, plastic or metal, preferably wood which shows off the grain with some previously less popular woods being king such as mango, sheesham or acacia. Even good old pine will make a comeback. Natural stone is also in.

Classic/Retro Style - Vintage furnishings will see a rise in popularity this year. Pay particular note to shag-pile rugs, Chesterfield sofas, antique or rustically styled furniture and bold printed fabrics. Warmth and comfort will replace many of the hard, modern lines of previous popularity. Antique furnishings combined with a modern setting create an air of sophisticated style.

Green - This year's colour will be green in all its guises. Teals and turquoises are definitely hot and bold floral prints will be popular. Use as an accent colour with creams and off-whites for a classic colour combination. Alternatively, mix light teals and blue-greys with splashes of bold accent colours such as purples or oranges.

Eco-Friendly - Sustainability is no longer a synonym for dull and boring. Recycling old items is a popular way of saving money while creating a modern eclectic look. Think less recycled cans and paper and more recycled and repurposed furnishings, fabrics and accessories. Look out for unusual sustainable woods such as mango or bamboo, particularly of interest in eastern furniture and accessories.

Staying in - Since the recent economic downturn, more and more people have been deciding upon entertaining at home as opposed to going out. This trend will continue throughout 2010 and beyond. Comfortable, stylish designs are a must if you're entertaining at home and nothing creates a talking point like a stylishly repurposed item. Now is the time to dig out that old Chesterfield sofa and recover it in printed fabric or repaint that old battered coffee table. Get creative with ideas.

The Great Outdoors - Everybody loves entertaining outdoors. There's nothing like a good barbecue and drinks in a well planned and decorated garden. Design trends will be similar outdoors with creative use of repurposed materials along with solid wood furniture and eastern or cottage influenced planting.

These predictions are not a list of must-buys, these are simply a list of styles and products we think will be popular in 2010. Just remember, make your home your own. Decorate your home the way you like it and others will like it too. A space decorated with love and care with pieces and colours that suit your personality will look natural, whereas a space styled to please others or from a picture in a glossy magazine can look forced.

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