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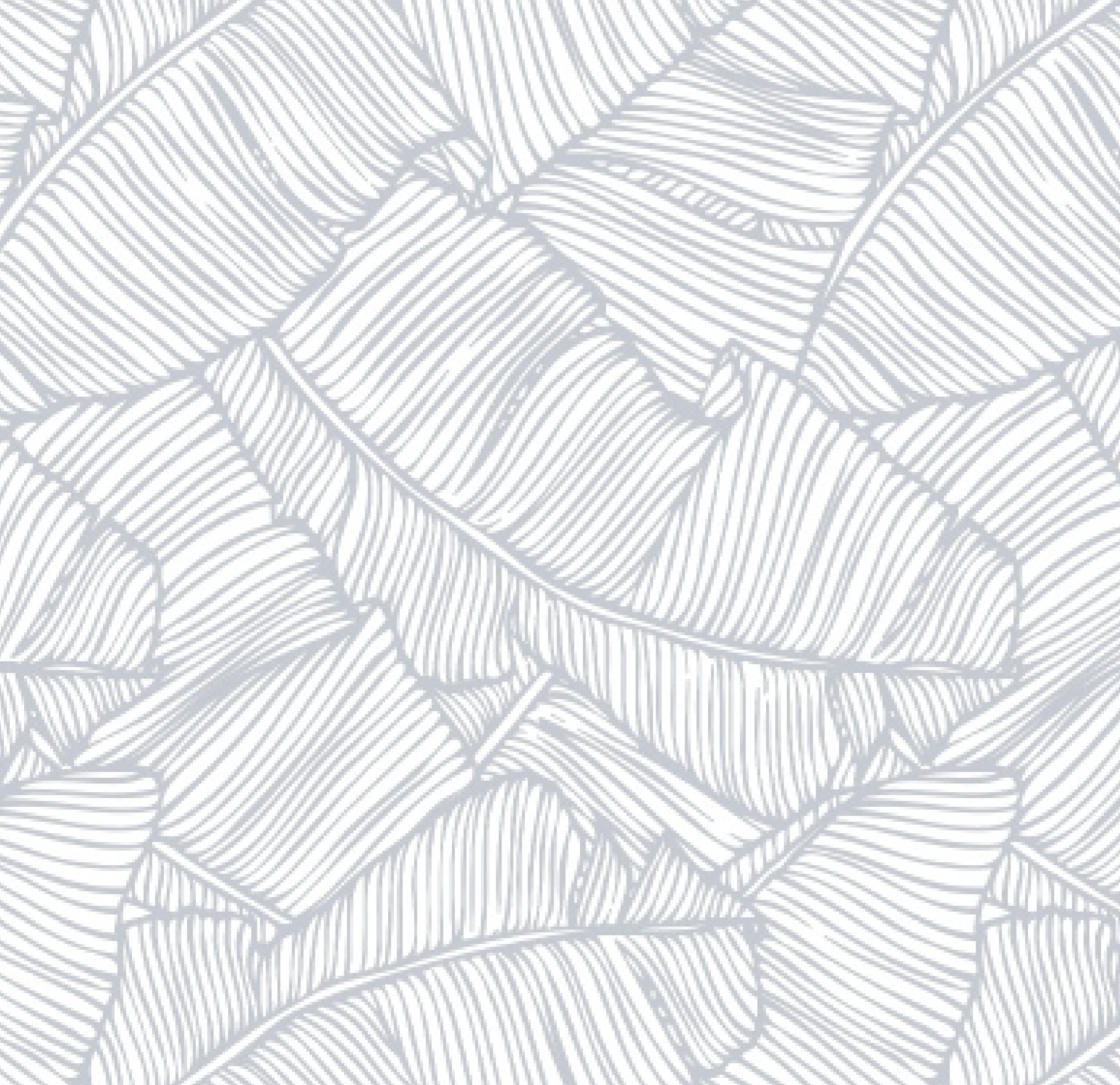


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“For us, modern means it achieves lifestyle needs while also being minimal leaning,” she adds. “We believe mixing time periods, tones, and textures can achieve a current look.” In 2023, Sargeant says, the secret to achieving a modern living room is “taking environmental, ecological, and longevity factors into account.” In other words, using locally sourced materials, working with nearby vendors, and minimizing climate impacts by reusing and buying vintage will help your living room transition nicely into the new year.

However, even when you factor in those prerequisites, how to bring a dash of modernity to your living can feel like a tall order. To help, we’ve combed through the very best ELLE DECOR archives to find the sleek spaces that are brimming with inspiration. From statement-making light fixtures to intriguing layouts, think of the list below as your 2023 design bucket list.

## 8 MODERN LIVING ROOM IDEAS YOU NEED TO TRY IN 2023

Don’t let the “new year, new you” mentality fool you: Trends might come and go, but the living room continues to be one of the most monumental areas of the home that is rivaled only by the kitchen.

The high-trafficked space can offer a unique look into a person’s design aesthetic, but if you want to refresh your living room for 2023, here’s your sign it’s time to give the space a modern touch.

Admittedly, a living room and the modern aesthetic don’t seem like a particularly compatible duo. As Cochineal Design principal and cofounder Sarah Sargeant points out, simply hearing about a modern living room might conjure a look that’s “sterile, austere, and one-note.” But in reality? Modern living rooms can deftly bridge the gap between welcoming and well appointed.





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## TREASURE-FILLED LIVING ROOM

Anyone can make a sleek living room appear warm and welcoming—all it takes are some thoughtful accessories. In this Brooklyn townhouse, Ishka Designs packed on the charm with intriguing ceramics and eye-catching artwork.

The result?  
A living room that hits that sweet spot between luxe and lived-in.

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## SHAPE-SHIFTING LIVING ROOM

Move over, boxy armchairs and rectangular sofas: Furniture with an atypical silhouette is a surefire way to give those living room essentials some visual intrigue. The design duo at Ashe Leandro spruced up a Park Avenue pad with a curvy lounge chair from Move Mountains as well as a bulbous custom sofa that's upholstered in Rose Uniacke wool.





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### HEIGHT-DEFIANT LIVING ROOM

If James Williams and Jonno Burden's living room is any indication, the only way to go really is up. The duo accented their 30-foot-tall ceiling with two clusters of custom light pendants, drawing the eye upward and creating a light, airy space in the process.

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### MIRROR MARVEL LIVING ROOM

Want to dress up bare walls but traditional artwork feels overplayed? Consider dousing your space in decorative mirrors—just as Jacques Grange did in this Portuguese pad. Not only does this woven arrangement add some character to this spacious room, but the number of reflective spaces also helps bounce the light around just right.



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## TEXTURAL LIVING ROOM

Repeat after us: A neutral-tinged living room can be anything but boring. If you need any convincing, have a look at this relaxed space by Cochineal Design. Here, a rich array of light wood, cream bouclé upholstery, and high-contrast art offers a more nuanced take on the pared-back palette.



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## PLAID-PEPPERED LIVING ROOM

Another way to hit the refresh button on a neutral palette? Add a few patterns into the mix. In this downtown New York City home, a sea of browns, creams, and black is energized with a set of vintage chairs in a Sandra Jordan alpaca plaid.



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## HIP AND HANGING LIVING ROOM

Take the phrase “sitting pretty” to a whole new level—literally—by incorporating a swinging seat. Design firm Workshop/APD made the most of this family residence by juxtaposing a hanging chair from Juniper Home and a low-slung, double-sided sofa. This power playing makes the living room appear even brighter and airier than it already is.

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# THESE 6 COLORS WILL BE EVERYWHERE IN 2023

There isn't a shade or color I've ever seen that I haven't liked," Mario Buatta, with characteristic wit, observed. The late great decorator, who passed away in 2018, would be pleased, then, to see the spectrum of shades and tints that are poised to dominate our homes in the year ahead. Gone are the days of straight-laced, all-white rooms; instead, as we emerge from three (have we got that right?) years of uncertainty, experts predict a rainbow-bright renaissance.

"The colors [consumers] choose are reflecting their mood—and they are much freer in how, when, and where they use it on themselves and in their homes," Gemma Riberti, head of interiors at the trend forecasting agency WGSN, tells us. "Going into 2023, color is reflecting well-being, discovery, acceptance, transformation, comfort, simplicity, and (why not) pleasure."



While some of these observations might sound like sound bites from your last therapy session, the hues we've seen come to the fore these last few years show a collective desire for coziness and a closeness to nature (read: green-everything) and more expressive materials (see one of the year's biggest trends, bold marble). "One of the most significant themes we've identified for 2023 is warmth," Sherwin-Williams's Sue Wadden affirms. "People are moving away from the cool grays that defined the past decade and exploring hues that exude kindness, serenity, and empathy."

There were also some surprises in the mix, according to the color experts we spoke to, namely the emergence of a genre of, literally, out-of-this-world colors: "Near-neons and hyper-brights are also making a comeback, driven by the metaverse, with colors making an impact in both digital and physical realms," Ribaldi says. That entails vivid, bold hues—especially as Gen Zers begin decorating their first homes.

But if you aren't entirely ready to paint your bedroom acid green just yet, read on for a list of the seven color trends that will be all the rage in 2023.



Sage is giving way to deeper emerald green, as seen in this chic Parisian pad designed by Fabrizio Casaraghi. **Cerruti & Draime**

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**GREEN**

We've said it before and we're going to say it here again: Green shows no sign of fading in our homes, and it's a surefire bet—whether you opt for a soothing sage or a pale pistachio—the hue will remain in fashion for years to come. “We’ve definitely seen an increased interest in greens this year, with that shade representing three of our top six colorways for 2022,” says Natalie Ebel, copresident of direct-to-consumer paint brand Backdrop. But while last year paint companies were predicting dusty verdant variations (for instance, Benjamin Moore’s 2022 Color of the Year, October Mist), Ebel, along with many of the other experts we spoke to, predicted an uptick in punchier, truer greens. Look no further than Backdrop’s recently released hue, Troop Beverly Hills, a vivid emerald.

What makes green, well, evergreen? International color expert and executive director at Pantone’s Color Institute Leatrice Eiseman, makes the case for its beauty as a neutral. “My students hear me lecture over and over and over again about using green as a neutral color,” she says. “Mother Nature uses it ubiquitously in plants and foliage.” Watch for this hue in everything from marble to tile to furnishings in the year ahead.

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**COOL LAVENDERS AND LILACS**

An emerging color trend that demonstrates the power of newly initiated Gen-Z consumers is the rise of soft, dusty shades of lavender and lilac. 1stDibs, the digital antiques marketplace, saw interest in lavender spike in 2022, up to 14 percent over 6 percent approval the previous year. WGSN forecasters, meanwhile, spotted the shade—which they’ve dubbed “Digital Lavender”—everywhere from Jil Sanders collections to Mercedes-Benz concept vehicles to Andrés Reisinger virtual furniture.

Riberti, along with WGSN’s color strategist Clare Smith, predict the color will dominate tabletop and soft furnishings, in addition to our walls. “It’s a sensorial shade that connects to holistic well-being and digital optimism,” they tell us. “This shade poses that much-needed cautious optimism and escapism that people are craving post-pandemic, and even in times of budget crunch, it is imaginative and creative but also speaks of hope and balance.”

It also speaks to nostalgia: Smith and Riberti have noticed it paired with chrome, glass, and other reflective surfaces, an indication that the '80s are officially back. 1stDibs also saw a correlation between soft powdery pastels and an increase in '80s-era interest.



Lavender and lilac hues are rising in popularity among Gen Zers. For a chic take on the trend, take a look at designer William Cullum’s cheery New York studio apartment. **Kirk Davis Swinehart**



Flame orange douses the walls of Pierre Yovanovitch’s furniture showroom in Paris.  
**Jean Pierre Vaillancourt**

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**ORANGE**

Orange, as Pantone’s Eiseman pointed out, has consistently remained “at the bottom of the totem pole.” But her team’s research has indicated that the hue is “definitely on board for next year.” It’s a trend also mirrored in WGSN’s reporting: “Saturated tones will return yet in solid color statements, enabling new forms of self-expression,” Riberti says, like fiery orange. And while some designers might opt for saturated versions of the shade on walls, many will use the pigment to add pop to furnishings (our Winter 2022 issue showcased an Argentinian home where tangerine was the accent of choice). “It’s the combination,” Eiseman says. “There are creative opportunities to put colors together that really tax your imagination.”

But homeowners and designers are also drawn to earthier, terra-cotta-tinged shades. In fact, according to 1stDibs’s latest trend research, burnt orange was its third most popular color, behind (you guessed it) emerald and sage green.

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**LIGHT BROWN**

Forget gray; brown is 2023’s new neutral. In fact, all varieties of this cozy shade are appearing in the color forecasting tea leaves. “Light browns, dark browns, and beiges are making a comeback because of their earthiness, meaning they ground us and help us feel more connected to the beauty and restorative properties of nature,” says Wadden of Sherwin-Williams.

Before you start getting flashbacks of generic ’90s tract home dens, consider the versatility of today’s beige: “What we’re seeing with the neutrals is that there are many more nuanced neutrals that seem to have an undertone that really pops out at you,” says Pantone’s Eiseman. ELLE DECOR editors are also spotting a variety of finishes with these trending tints, ranging from lustrous taupe lacquer to textured limewash in spaces from kitchens to bedrooms.



Milk chocolate never looked as delectable as it does in the Milan home of Paolo Castellarin and Didier Bonnin.  
**Francesco Dolfo**



For '70s flare, try giving your walls a mustard makeover, like designer Simone Haag did in this Melbourne, Australia, home.  
**Timothy Kaye**

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**MUSTARD**

Do you prefer honey or dijon? Yellow or hearty whole grain? Whatever your preference for mustard, it's a go for 2023. In addition to Raspberry Blush, Benjamin Moore named the khaki-colored Savannah Green as part of its forecast for next year. "Almost like gold leaf for your walls, this rich ochre features a balanced undertone of green and yellow," the hue's description reads. Chairish, the vintage furniture online marketplace, saw an increase in searches for mustard-colored items on its platform. For our part, we've been seeing varieties of mustard everywhere from walls to textured bouclés.

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**ROSE**

Next year's outlook is rosy, according to color forecasters—from bright fuchsias to delicate, neutral-leaning pinks. On the subtle end of the spectrum, Sherwin-Williams inaugurated Redend Point, a serene gray-pink, as its 2023 Color of the Year. "This gorgeous hue tells a story about warmth, exploration, and the importance of self-care, and is the perfect example of the warm, versatile, and unexpected neutrals we expect will become increasingly sought after in 2023," Wadden tells us.

Pantone, meanwhile, named Viva Magenta! as its frontrunner for 2023—a jubilant purply red that felt in line with the digital-first zeitgeist and "this idea of needing more energy, more vim and more vigor," Eiseman tells us. Mauve is also making moves, 1stDibs predicts; the company saw a 4 percent increase in interest for mauve in 2022, another indication that the '80s vibes are in our future. And there's more: Benjamin Moore named Raspberry Blush 2008-30 as its color-to-watch of 2023. "We love seeing Raspberry Blush on all four walls to make a bold color statement," Arianna Cesa, the company's associate manager of color marketing and development notes. "We particularly love it in a dining room as a modern, blushed update on the classic deep red dining room. For those who want to dip their toe into bold color, it's great for an accent wall, a ceiling, painted furniture, or trim."



Mara Brock Akil's "rosé room," designed by Tiffany Howell, is awash in—what else?—a soft rose tint.  
**Kelly Marshall**



As pandemic panic wanes and economic concerns linger, how we think about our homes will shift accordingly in 2023. Recent years required us to turn inward, perhaps confronting unfortunate domestic decisions made before lockdown or reevaluating the sometimes blurred boundaries between work and home. Now that we've dealt with the sins of our past and settled back into our ergonomic office chairs (wherever they may be), home design trends for the coming year address emerging personal and global concerns.

"We enter 2023 with a lot of uncertainty, and cost of living is a priority," explains Gemma Riberti, head of interiors at international trend forecasting agency WGSN. "So whatever product or space we are going to interact with will need to be meaningful to engage with, to deliver something beyond the mere item or room."

The upcoming edition of Maison&Objet, titled "Take Care!" echoes this idea. The concept for the January 2023 edition reflects the value consumers place "on the origins of products, the manufacturing methods, and the commitments of companies," says the fair's communications director, Caroline Biros. "But it also means—take care of yourself, of others," she says, citing a renewed interest in wellness, natural materials, and rejuvenating experiences. "Design is committed this year to preserving the beauty of living on earth," Biros sums up. Here's how it all takes shape.



## THE TOP 4 HOME DESIGN TRENDS WE WILL SEE IN 2023



A cozy-cool sitting area in a Brooklyn home designed by Ishka Designs.

**Frank Frances Studio**

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## WARM '90S NEUTRALS RETURN

Bring on the beige, brown, and cream. Cool neutrals will be passed over for hues that are, we dare say, evocative of the '90s. "There is a move away from the harder gray tones so beloved for the last decade to those that feel kinder and warmer," says Farrow & Ball color curator Joa Studholme. Designers agree. When 1stDibs asked 880 interior designers about the most on-trend colors for their sixth annual trends survey, light gray received the fewest votes by far, at just 5 percent.

This change seems to be as much about our post-pandemic emotional state as it is about a murky financial future. "It will be more practical to invest in versatile and comforting neutrals," reasons WGSN's Riberti. But Studholme has a different take: "The neutrals we are now choosing for our homes reflect how we want to capture peace and optimism, wrapping rooms in warmth and a sense of well-being."

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## RAW, NATURAL MATERIALS REIGN

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This California home designed by Standard Architects with interior designer Martha Mulholland, features raw materials like concrete, oak, and plaster.

**Shade Degges**



A net-zero house designed by Studio Schicketanz includes a natural landscape designed by Bernard Trainor of Ground Studio Landscape Architecture.  
**Joe Fletcher**

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### SUSTAINABILITY HAS STAYING POWER.

The top trend that will continue in 2023? Designers say it's sustainability, according to 1stDibs. This is, perhaps, not a revelation. However, earth-friendly practices will reach further this year, from objets d'art to our gardens. A-List designer Kelly Wearstler has seen an evolution while working with artists for her new online gallery. "It's exciting to see how sustainability and the natural world continue to manifest in new works by both emerging and established talent," she says. Meanwhile, searches for natural sustainable gardening solutions, like "harvesting rainwater" and "drought-tolerant landscapes," are rising on Pinterest, according to the company's 2023 predictions report.

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### MAXIMALISM, BUT MAKE IT MODERN

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A Parisian home designed by Hugo Toro showcases plenty of sculptural touches.  
**Stephan Julliard**

# THE TOP 4 KITCHEN TRENDS THAT WILL DOMINATE 2023



he past year has lent itself to bold new design moments that began with happy hues, flirted with Art Deco, grappled with Barbiecore-meets-home-decor, brought back the mythical furry floor fad, and catapulted into a new maximalism (viva la vita excessive!). And going into 2023, no space is whetting our collective appetite for what will be in vogue, decoratively speaking, more than the kitchen.

Witness the rise of fluted cabinets, upholstered banquettes (how precarious!), beveled anything, and statement stone backsplashes—all a refreshing departure from the white-on-white-on-beige look that set Instagram alight for an impressive number of years (RIP). To help with whatever your reason is to be in the know, we spoke with the industry's top trend predictors who all agree that this year, dining in will be as extravagant as the occasional night out. Here are the top 10 kitchen trends that will command our culinary spaces in 2023. Bon appetit!







In this Chicago home, designer Steven Gambrel created a custom 3D-effect floor with oak that had been ebonized, fumed, and waxed.

**Eric Piasecki**

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## COLOR WILL DOMINATE OUR DOMICILES

After years of no-show, barely-there white-and-brass backdrops that were becoming a bit depressingly zeitgeisty, a pent-up period of sobriety is closing in on us, supplanted by an unbridled indulgence of color. “The white kitchen is finally over!!” exclaims designer Robert Couturier, who, in a recent project, matched the checked kitchen floor to the red of a cock’s comb. “Gone are all-white Insta-famous kitchens,” adds potter and designer Jonathan Adler. Cue kitchens drenched in full-fat happy hues, peppy prints displayed with irreverent abandon—even flooring that upends the pieties of Design 101 (can there be too much of a good thing?). Think yellow lacquered kitchen cabinets, flamboyant pendants, and geometric mosaics.

Some, like interior designer Hilary Matt, hold that white kitchens are here to stay but with a splash of colorful flourishes. “Designers are getting more creative with adding personal flair through alternate shades of white and pops of color in features like panel-ready appliances, decor and furniture,” she says. The latest colors du jour? “Deep colors such as greens and blues with metal finishes in stainless and brass options are the big trends that provide long-term appreciation,” says Middleby National Sales Trainer Rick Rasor. Caesarstone’s Lori Shapiro agrees. “In keeping up with the nature-inspired designs, we have seen green become a must-have color in kitchens lately.” Rasor says he’s also seen an uptick in matte black appliances, which provide a sultry contrast to any pop of color.

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## STATEMENT STONE BACKSPLASHES ARE THE SLAB OF CHOICE

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New York-based design studio Le Whit combined richly veined marble slabs with dazzlingly colorful appliances to a New York hearth.

**Nicole Franzen**



Cella Jane founder Becky Hillyard's prep kitchen houses a dishwasher, oven, microwave, and sink, in addition to shallow storage spaces for spices and oils.

**Courtesy Cella Jane**

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## A SECONDARY PREP KITCHEN IS ON EVERYONE'S WISHLIST

Truth: For today's homeowners, a self-functioning prep kitchen—even more so than that renovated 1956 Austin-Healey—is the ultimate self-indulgence. It's an ancillary space, immediately accessible from the main kitchen, that works as an additional work zone for food prep. "From back kitchens to butler's pantries, alternative workspaces are rising in popularity, adding functionality and allowing consumers to complete separate tasks by serving as a second prep kitchen," says Jeff Sweet, corporate manager of product marketing at Sub-Zero, Wolf, and Cove. "With the option of being transitional or closed off behind doors, these secondary spaces can house everything from additional refrigeration and warming drawers to built-in coffee systems, wine storage, dishwashers, and more.

In fact, people are thinking even further outside the traditional kitchen "box" by extending the hearth into other parts of the home. "What were once kitchen-only appliances, like the Sub-Zero undercounter refrigerators, are making their way into bedrooms, home offices, and bathrooms for added convenience," says Matt. Whether it's that spacious second prep kitchen for when the mother-in-law visits, a custom cocktail bar moment in the study, an outdoor kitchen, or a drawer fridge in the primary suite, it's clear that we're reimagining what it means to dine in.

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## FLUTED ISLANDS ARE MAKING HUGE WAVES

Fluted detailing is all the rage right now, it seems. Used on everything from drawer-front motifs to wall paneling, this pleasing repeated scallop-shaped ridge design that harks back to early Egyptian times adds warmth and texture that is bold without being too noisy (with a small dose of Art Deco vibes). Little surprise, then, that designers are having their fun with it in culinary spaces (and even making a splash at this year's Kips Bay Dallas showhouse). "I have to admit, I'm not a big fan of trends, but when I see a good design idea that shakes things up, I'm all ears—and for me, that new trend has to be fluted kitchen cabinets," says interior designer Kesha Franklin. "Add in curved edges and you've got my attention. This kitchen cabinet design can be used in natural wood finishes in modern homes or painted in transitional spaces. It adds warmth, depth, and interest to the kitchen, and it's a definite conversation piece in the heart of the home."



A central island and matching cabinetry, clad in fluted oak millwork, is illuminated by a trio of Ladies & Gentlemen globe pendants in this Manhattan apartment.

**Esther Choi**

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