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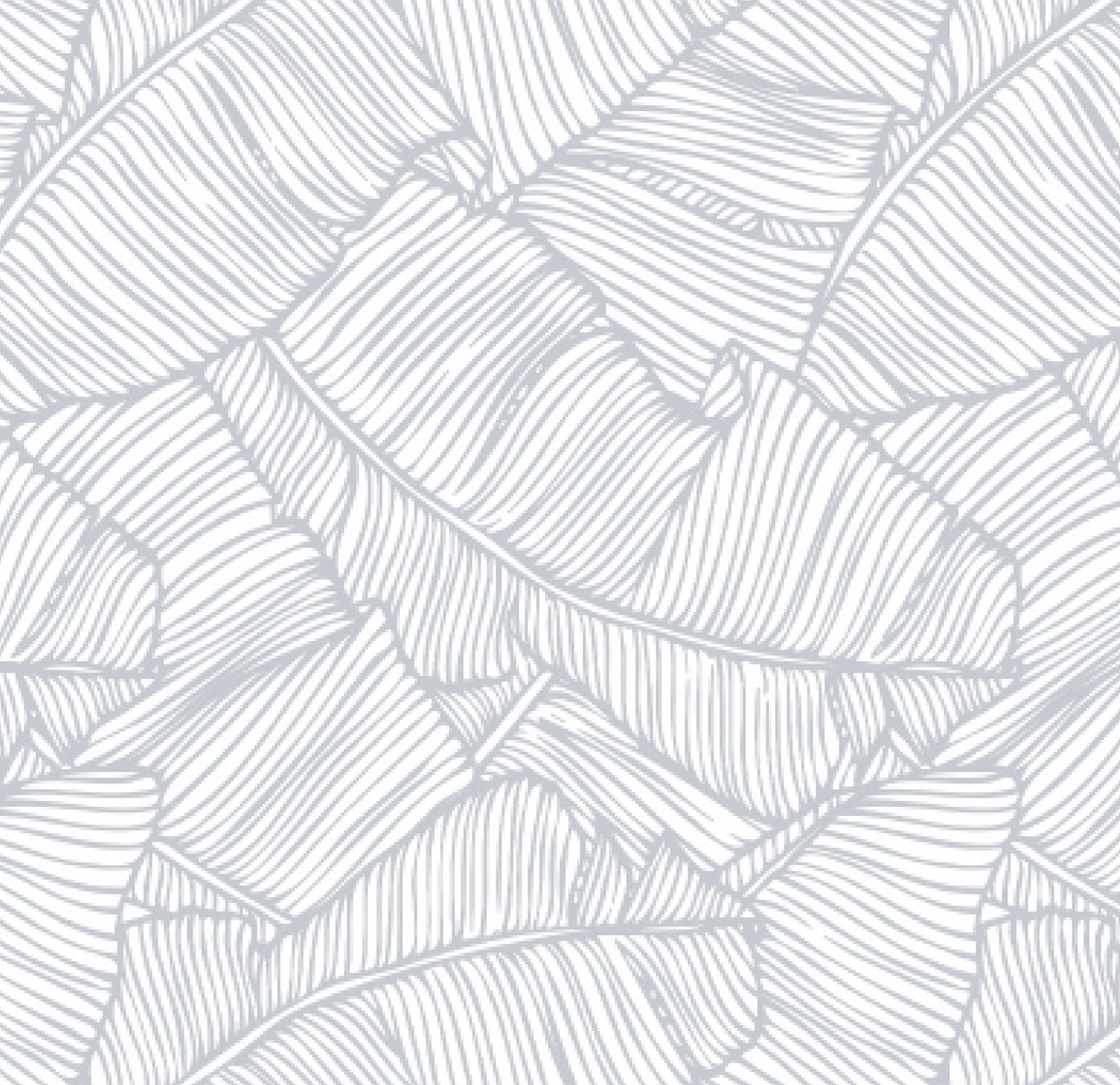


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8 KITCHEN TILE BACKSPLASH IDEAS FOR THE ULTIMATE ACCENT WALL

Ready for a kitchen refresh? You don't have to put a sledgehammer through the wall to give your space a new look. Sometimes it's simply a matter of adding tiles and a fresh coat of paint, et voilà! And when it comes to home improvements, nothing makes a kitchen stand out quite like a backsplash. Whether it's a cheeky patterned inlay, an unexpected metallic backdrop, antique ceramic gems, or classic white subway tiles, the perfect kitchen backsplash can be the final touch that brings your design scheme together for the cooking space of your dreams.

"Tile is design eye candy," says Anna Lood with Clay Imports. "It is such an effective way to bring texture, movement, and life into a space." When selecting the right tile for your kitchen, Lood recommends thinking outside the box, while staying true to the space. "Why not take it all the way up to the ceiling or create an unexpected statement wall? One-of-a-kind patterns, clever layouts, or playful shapes are an easy way to create an intriguing 'stop and stare' moment."

Wherever you fall on the chef spectrum (no judgment, HelloFreshers), here are 80 inspiring ideas from designer spaces that will make the hub of the home the heart of your home.



1

BRUTALIST BACKSPLASH

The cooking space of this low-key Toronto home features a custom backsplash that nearly steals the show. The wall is ornamented in Brutalist-inspired tiles by local artist Catherine Carroll of Black Rock Tile Studio. A shelf, illuminated by vintage Charlotte Perriand sconces, showcases a bevy of vintage vessels. Who needs wall space for art?



Patrick Biller



Jana Roach / Riad Tile

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CHIPPED CHARM

Designer Jana Roach can't stop gushing about her four-inch Riad Snow zellige tile backsplash—and we can't blame her when it looks this good. "I adore zellige tile," she tells ELLE DECOR. "It transcends trends and decor styles. It has the best texture, and the natural variation in color adds so much depth and character to my kitchen." If you look closely, no tiles are exactly the same, with their individual pits, cracks, and chipped edges. For Roach, that adds to its charm. "It gives my space a one-of-a-kind, handmade feel that perfectly complements my preference for old furniture and natural materials."



Stephen Kent Johnson

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STREAMLINED STYLE

Interior designer Madison Lussier had her work cut out for her before she renovated the kitchen in this Santa Barbara, California, home. “Originally there was a very heavy-feeling hood with molding that had carved grapevines in it, and the cream crackle subway tile that’s in the rest of the kitchen was behind the range as well,” Lussier explains. She replaced the hood with a much simpler look that matched the cabinetry and framed it all out in a more rustic wood. “I really love the way it turned out,” she adds. “I think it complements and draws attention to the stunning LaCanche range so much more than the original design.”

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CHECKERED BACKSPLASH

In this large kitchen, design duo Jesse Carrier and Mara Miller kept the cabinet color neutral to soften the graphic, checkered zellige backsplash. “We selected this hand-glazed, terra-cotta backsplash because it added visual interest and charm,” says Miller. “It’s playful yet historically appropriate to this 1920s Tudor.”



Annie Schlechter

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AGED FINISHES

When selecting the tile for her kitchen renovation project, Farmer's Daughter Interiors' Kelsey Grose says these aged gray porcelain tiles caught her eye. "I loved the variation in this particular tile and that it could handle being installed all the way to the ceiling without feeling too boring or too busy," she explains. "A stacked layout brings a subtle midcentury feel to this farmhouse kitchen, and the rough-around-the-edges feel gave the room that extra bit of warmth I was looking for." Paired with her own shop's light fixture, this wall adds a modern, almost urban touch to a rustic farmhouse-style space.



Delina Langridge



Mikkel Vang

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PENNY FOR YOUR WALL

Sometimes the best design ideas evolve from the smallest, most mundane items. In this Manhattan crash pad, designer Ariel Ashe and architect Reinaldo Leandro had the idea to create a counter-to-ceiling backsplash made entirely of round white pennies. "I was pretty nervous, because I really am not that into round things," the client says, laughing. "But they were completely right." The resulting look will make anyone second-guess the worth of a simple penny.



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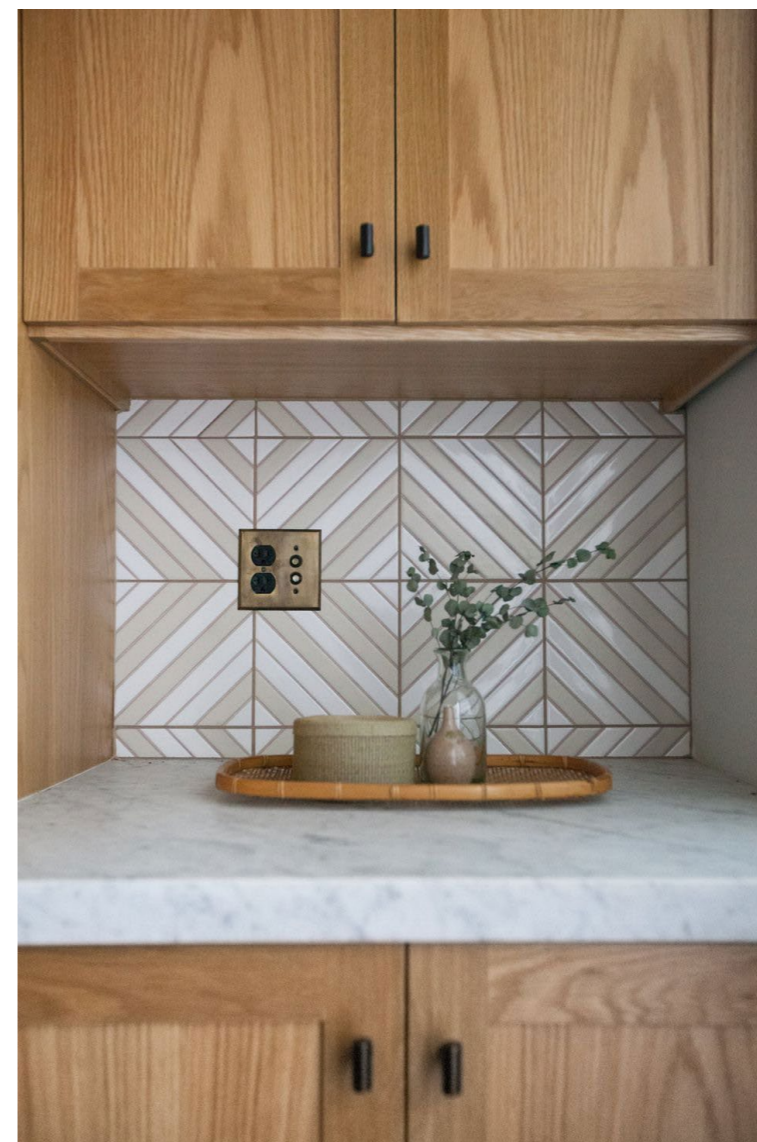
TEXTURED TOUCH

The subtle, organic texture of these rectangular tiles adds just the right touch to this Denver basement renovation. “I instantly fell in love with the natural undulation and imperfections in this tile that give it a handmade appearance,” designer Jenny Murphy says. She was aiming to give the basement bar a simple and contemporary look, while also adding an element that creates visual interest. “This tile was exactly what we were looking for,” she adds. “And it complements the soapstone countertops gracefully without detracting from them.”

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BESPOKE BACKSPLASH

This geometric backsplash moment is giving us all the reasons to depart from the standard lines of classic subway tiles. Designers Jess and Jonathan Taylor of Taylor + Taylor took the possibilities of custom tiles to a whole other level. “Working in Los Angeles, we often have to find ways to blend old and new,” Jonathan explains. “In this home we were looking for ways to play with pattern and variation in an old Hollywood home. This tile maker offered these custom tiles such that we could specify every detail of color and line, which offered us a path to this playful but sophisticated backsplash.”



Courtesy Taylor + Taylor



THESE 7 COLORS WILL BE EVERYWHERE IN 2023

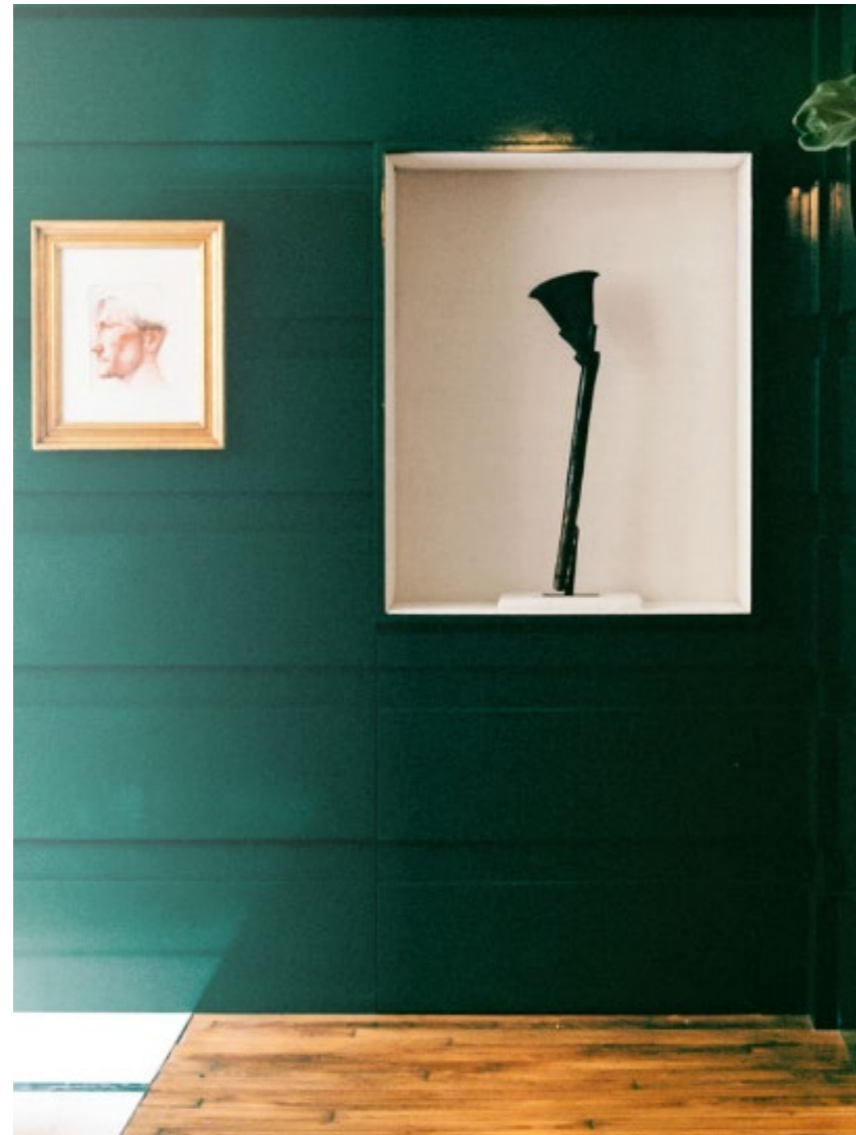
here isn't a shade or color I've ever seen that I haven't liked," Mario Buatta, with characteristic wit, observed. The late great decorator, who passed away in 2018, would be pleased, then, to see the spectrum of shades and tints that are poised to dominate our homes in the year ahead. Gone are the days 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.



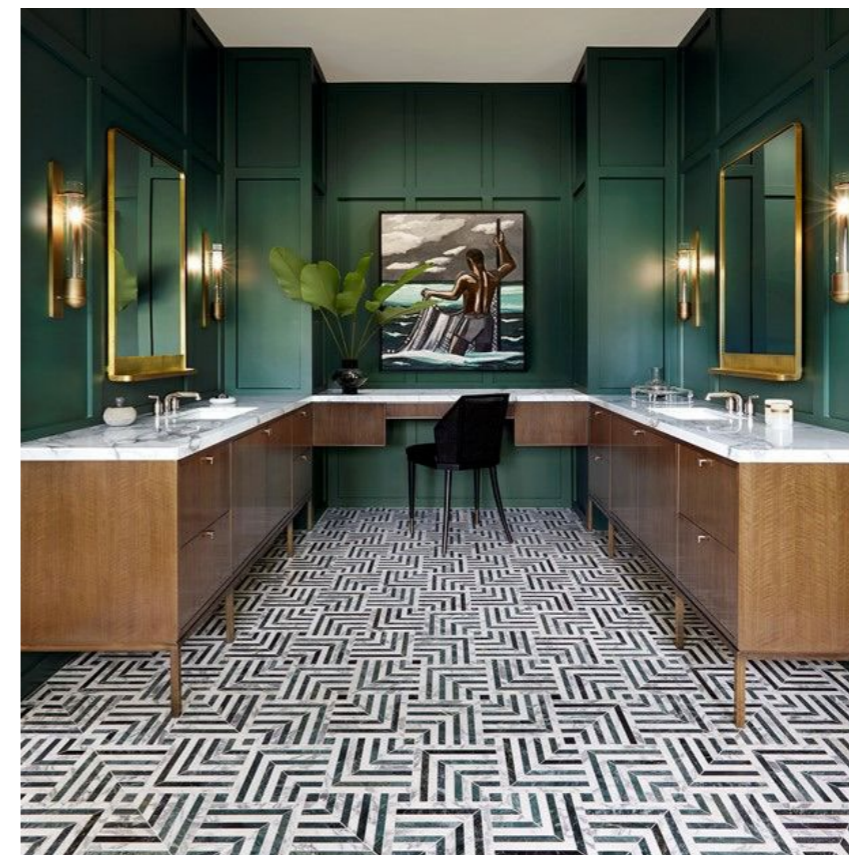
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1 GREEN

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

2 GRAPHIC TILES

Take a cue from designer Tracy Hardenburg, whose penchant for bold geometric patterns ever inspires. In this glamorous loo, Hardenburg opted for a graphic, geometric pattern using Liaison Mulholland by ELLE DECOR A-List Titan Kelly Wearstler for Ann Sacks. Sometimes the art of decorating really is that black and white!



Pär Bengtsson

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MOROCCAN-INSPIRED TILES

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.



Jean Pierre Vaillancourt



Francesco Dolfo

4

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.



Matthew Williams

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BLOWN-UP CHECKERBOARD SLABS

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.”



Kelly Marshall

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CHECKED-EVERYTHING FLOORS

You can never have too much of a good thing, as designer Victoria Sass of Prospect Refuge Studio proved in this happy Wisconsin lake house. “It’s plaid city in here!” she says of the powder room. Working with a Minneapolis tile company called Clay Squared to Infinity, she created a number of custom glazes and patterns to achieve a perfectly rustic summer camp vibe.

4 STYLISH PORCH RAILING IDEAS TO LEVEL UP YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE

Spring is around the corner—and with it, our collective itch to refresh is in full swing. After a winter largely spent housebound, we're ready to breathe some new life into our space. With that in mind we asked the style pros at Joss & Main to chime in on the latest trends and must-have, high-impact pieces that ship to your home fast and free.



1

MEXICAN MODERNISM

A wrought-iron railing brings a minimalist look to this jewel of 20th-century Mexican modernism, Mark Grattan's home in Mexico City. The railing, which is original to the Luis Barragán-designed building, provides a clean, no-frills aesthetic that juxtaposes the red brick flooring. It's the ultimate escape from adulthood.



Maureen M. Evans



Ricardo Labougle

2

PARED-BACK PRETTY

The second-floor sitting room in this festive Cartagena, Colombia, vacation home is a lesson in indoor-outdoor living. "The house is very fluid," says Chiqui de Echavarría. "I didn't want walls. I wanted it to be mostly open air." Mission accomplished. This baluster railing allows the spotlight to remain on the lush garden just beyond. While the railing design lies on the subtler end of the spectrum, its slight ornamentation gives it the feel of something extra.



Sylvie Becquet

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PORCH WITH A VIEW

To bring your porch to new heights—literally—take a cue from Bill Brockschmidt and Richard Dragisic’s terrace that overlooks Modica’s Cartellone district in Sicily. While the simple wrought-iron scheme might fall into the category of ubiquity, the surrounding foliage and floor tiles create a tranquil and stylish vibe that is anything but mundane.

4

FLAT BAR BALUSTRADE

While a regular square railing can feel very industrial, the flat bar railing design on this Craftsman-style house in Ontario offers a light, slim look. “Vertical bars appear to be different sizes as you look at them at different angles (wide one side and thin other side),” says Art Metal Workshop’s Iryna Mediana. “Thus this style adds some interest to your railing and porch. The design suits both modern and traditional porches, so we can confidently say it’s universal.”



Yevgeniy Gorlov

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