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SMART IDEAS, Big Style

A new wave of standout decorating ingenuity is flooding our inspiration boards. These are the seven trends we can't stop talking about.



We'll Take the Booth

We're pretty sure Baby would be happy to be put in this corner. Dining banquettes are as stylish as they are practical, which is probably why they've become so popular. They're not only an impressive way to pack in personality, but they're a big space-saver too. Unlike with chairs, you don't need to allow space to pull seats out—instead, the benches snuggle right up to the wall. The best part: If you can't go custom, there are tons of buyable options that don't need to be built-in. Turn the page for suggestions.

● This space by Buns Studio is both smart and stylish with its abstract floral cushions, deep benches, and Kelly green armchairs.



Upholstered in a strong pattern—like the cabana stripe in this nook by interior designer MA Allen—a banquette has the presence and surface area to make a major statement.

Immediate Seating

Buyable upholstered banquettes and benches are the shortcut to having a cozy booth chez vous.



HIDDEN STORAGE

Top with a cushion and back pillows for comfort. Eslick Solid Wood Corner Bench, from \$560; wayfair.com



HIGH-BACK & HANDSOME

Available in 100+ fabrics. Dorian Slip-Covered Petite Banquette, from \$1,640; interiordefine.com



MODERN & MODULAR

Available in four sizes to fit your space. Rosin Banquette, from \$549 (\$749 as shown); article.com

Hang Time Picture rails are hardly a new idea (they've been common in Europe for centuries), but they're having a significant renaissance, especially in the form of a brass rail and chains. We love how Wendy Lau of @thekwendyhome uses her rail to display mirrors, sculptures, even plants, *right*. Plus, hanging one rail is so much easier on your walls than a splatter of nail holes.

● Wall Mounted Brass Picture Rail, from \$143; pepe-carols.myshopify.com





▲ This upholstered barrel silhouette works as a dining or accent chair. Mira Everywhere Dining Chair, \$149; walmart.com/BHG



▲ Sometimes less is more, as in this minimalist piece with an angular form. Leola Side Chair, \$649 for 2; allmodern.com



▲ The shape feels a little 1950s; the checkered upholstery is so right now. Jacquard Dining Chair, \$398; anthropologie.com



▲ We love the hand-bent solid-iron frame in a whimsical, curvy design. Wave Iron Chair, \$575; treehouse.com



▲ Slim yet striking with a stylish V-shape back. Rodin Ochre Velvet Dining Chair by Athena Calderone, \$499; crateandbarrel.com

The Seat of Style

Look-at-me dining chairs in interesting forms and materials are really setting the scene. Think of them like sculpture with a practical side—pulling any of these up to the dining table would create instant interest and give a room a point of view.



Moroccan zellige tile, another huge trend, is highly sought after for its rich colors, signature shine, and imperfect, handmade form.

You Pick Two

The biggest bathroom trend of the year: two colors of tile in two different sizes laid in a dynamic pattern. In this powder room by architectural designer Erdem Hamza, squares and rectangles in pink and white create an elongated checkered effect that looks at once graphic and organic.

Mood Lighting

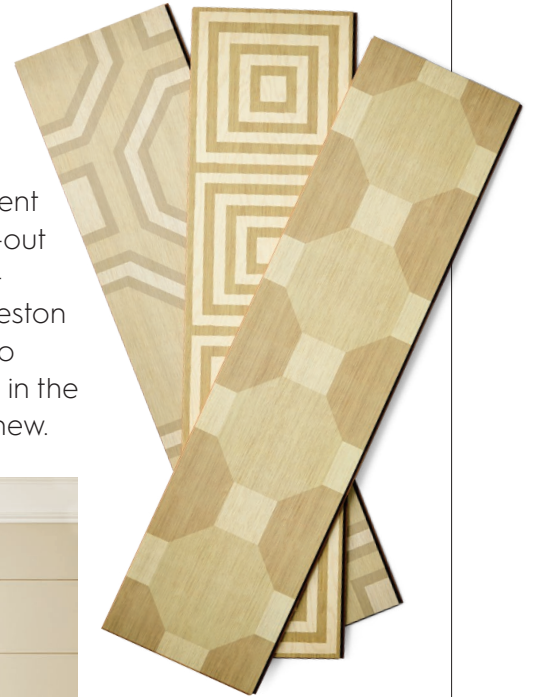
The mood is sophisticated, scene-stealing, and easy to install when it comes to the latest trend in light fixtures. We're all in on artful plug-in wall sconces in eye-catching silhouettes and mixed materials that go anywhere and everywhere (without calling the electrician). **1** The gentle wavelike shape of the shade is especially pleasing. Anais Plug-In Wall Sconce (8"), \$149; westelm.com **2** A hidden bulb casts light upward; the disk at the top reflects and diffuses it for a soft, ambient glow. Manti by Troy Lighting, \$392; lumens.com **3** Natural raffia and washed linen surround a gold-tipped center bulb. \$234 (bulb sold separately); lafabriqueluminaires.etsy.com **4** Zig-zag brass arms give this modern double sconce a playful edge. Dellon Double, \$504; luluandgeorgia.com



Pattern Play

Wood floors painted and stained in geometric patterns are popping up everywhere. The treatment can transform an ordinary space, refresh a worn-out floor, or pay homage to the history of a home—sometimes all at the same time. In the breakfast room of this 1820s Charleston home, *below*, interior designer Betsy Berry used a patterned treatment to marry the new floors in this space with the original pine floors elsewhere in the house. The finished effect looks like it could be original, bridging old and new.

To get this worn-in look, the floors were first lightly distressed, then an octagonal pattern was stenciled and stained on top.



Get the Look Ready-Made

Love the look but don't want to overhaul your floors? Mirth Studio's Charleston Timbers Collection offers patterned planks in a plethora of patterns and colors. They're made of engineered hardwood and install via click and lock, even over an existing hard floor. (\$29/sq. ft.; mirthstudio.com)

● Cole & Son's Zellige Olive border underlines the chunky moldings in this dining room by interior designer Caitlin Kah.



Wallpaper Borders

If you have not-so-fond memories of the last time wallpaper borders were “in,” hear us out. The new versions are chicer and more understated while still packing a style punch—especially the way designers are wielding them to outline and amplify architectural details like baseboards and trim. Used in this more subtle and modern way, borders add a touch of pattern to painted walls and help a space feel thoughtful and finished, like the exclamation point at the end of a sentence. ■

● Today's wallpaper borders come in a vast range of styles and widths. Wider options make a bold statement above or below trim, while thinner borders, like the ones by Studio Atkinson, *right*, offer tons of install options, such as creating a paneled wall effect or wrapping doorways and window frames.

OUR PICK
Garden Trim Wallpaper in Green, \$55 for a 3½" x 15' roll; riflepaper.com

