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Welcome to 2022 and our new look for The Design Journal.

After a successful start to publication in 2021, we are levelling up with a new look and style for you to receive your monthly dose of interior design insight, news and inspiration.

This month is all about 2022 new trends, and bringing your renovation and style dreams to life.

No matter your hopes, dreams, homes or plans for the year ahead, we hope 2022 brings you all the style and smiles you deserve. Enjoy reading and see you next month,

Melissa Lumardon and team





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INTERIOR DESIGN PREDICTIONS 2022



The events of 2020-2021 have created new trends and design priorities in homes. Spending less time travelling and in workplaces, we now seek more space, functionality and connection to nature at home.

The turbulent years of 2020 and 2021 that saw us approach our homes as multi-functional spaces that could still relieve us from stress.

Curves, soft colours and natural influences were of high popularity, as we needed to soothe our day to day lives.

Going forward into 2022, we expect a similar continuation of those concepts, but with a bit more excitement. As events rapidly progress and the world starts opening up again, the liveliness we feel could be reflected back in our spaces. Keep reading to see what other interior design trends we think will feature this year.



2022 TRENDS

By Melissa Lunardon

● Bold Statement Walls

For the past couple of years, we have found solace in the peacefulness of neutral tones. As we begin to emerge and adjust into a new phase, we're excited to splash vibrancy in our homes — but in tasteful ways.

This means the colourful statement wall is back. But we're not just throwing out what we've learned about cultivating calm at home. Instead, we're picking one main wall within a space and ensuring its colour or pattern is visually exciting without overwhelming. If one strong colour isn't for you, you can always adopt patterns into the mix instead.

● Continuation of Nature

Biophilic principles were a strong theme that underpinned the way we approach design in 2021, and that sentiment is set to flow through into 2022. We still want to merge the intricacies of the outdoors into our built environment, as it provides an aspect of tranquility that only nature can achieve. It also makes the home a more exciting and sensory experience.

Biophilic design is much more than putting plants in the home. It encompasses the kind of shapes, colours, textures, scents and visuals we decide to implement into our day to day scenes.

Spaces With Texture

This year, we will broaden our exploration into the world of texture at home. Fabrics, walls, and decor all become an opportunity to create more personality-driven spaces, as visual and physical textures create more nuance while administering a biophilic quality. Textures can be as bold or as subtle as you like, their versatility allowing you to mix and match as many as you like.

Sophisticated Wet Rooms

Wet room bathrooms are designed to allow the whole space to be entirely waterproof. This often means that the shower and bath are contained in their own area, sometimes with the vanity unit divided by a partial glass wall. It works well for smaller dimensions while administering a minimalistic air into the design. The appeal of open-plan bathrooms will thrive in the 2022 as we continuously look for new and innovative ways to curate our homes.

An International Fusion

As international travel starts to resume, we anticipate that the souvenirs we take from our trips will be adorned in the home upon return. Even non-travellers will still want to incorporate some design concepts from other countries, incorporating a fun international flavour into home design.



Supercharged

In the Covid era, the impetus to buy local has been supercharged, even outweighing considerations of intrinsic quality in the product itself. In a survey conducted across 20 markets in July 2020, 6 in 10 consumers said they were actively seeking out locally-sourced products, and 80% of them said they thought they would continue this behaviour once lockdowns had finished.



FAVOURING LOCAL; THE GREAT MOVEMENT OF 2022

Supporting local business is at the forefront of minds, particularly as international and interstate import routes have slowed significantly. Consequently, there has been a great movement towards buying locally and we're seeing this trend extend throughout the entire home building process. In 2022, many people are favouring locally sourced and manufactured materials, as this has become a

more convenient and transparent option that also supports local businesses. This has presented an opportune time for home builders and renovators to incorporate local products into their homes design. This can be seen in the materials chosen to build homes, right through to the décor used in the completed home.



RENOVATION IS THE NEW VACATION.

HOLIDAY AT HOME

COVID-19 has brought an interlude to our holiday plans abroad, but we've seen that it has kick-started a plethora of plans at home. Renovating your home has become a fun way to escape, so on your next project why not add a dash of poolside luxury into the mix.

In 2022, why not use your funds to holiday at home. Because for now at least, it would seem that renovation is the new vacation.



MOMENT

Your bathroom is meant to be a retreat, regardless of its size. The key is to weave in stylish accents like low-maintenance plants, vibrant window treatments and plush towels for a picture-perfect space that offers the serenity you need to start and end your day.



Two bathroom trends worth keeping on your radar in 2022 is matte black fixtures and organic elements. We will see people bring the outdoors in, incorporate natural and organic elements like stone, and create luxury spa-like vibes.



"This year will see Matte black fixtures have a major moment in bathrooms and beyond."
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Antique brass has had its fair share of the spotlight in bathrooms, but now there's a new kid in town. Matte black fixtures have been having a moment, and we will see even more of this trend in 2022.

TEXTURED TIMBER

Wood is a key feature in many standout kitchen designs and it's easy to see why!

As one of the hero natural materials in kitchen design, timber is versatile, ageless and comes in endless variations. And a timber kitchen will complement any interior design style..

This earthy, tactile material instantly adds warmth, richness and texture to a kitchen. Timber is also favoured for its functionality and durability, making it a smart investment.



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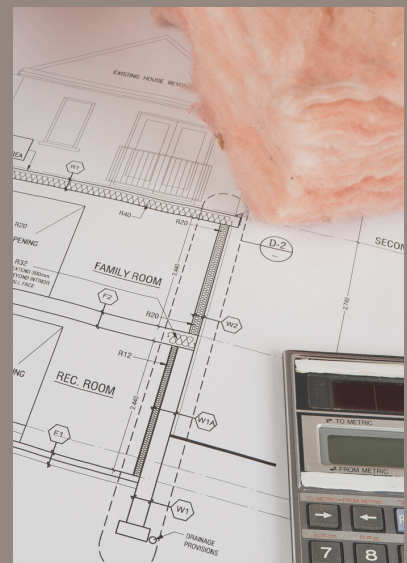
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RENO SUCCESS

COMMON HOME RENOVATION MISTAKES AND HOW TO AVOID THEM



Classic missteps

Home renovations usually spring from a positive place, where updating a property in order to add value and influence the ambience is the primary objective. Therefore, it should be an inspiring journey full of optimism. However, without careful planning and preparation, sometimes these once noble intentions can lead to missteps that cause more hindrance than hope.

Budget failures

When refreshing your home aesthetic, sometimes it can be tempting to ignore the numbers and literally go for broke. However, by knowing your budget and keeping to those set limitations you are more likely to maintain a positive mindset on your home renovation project and avoid any potential financial upsets or unexpected pitfalls along the way. So stubbornly stick to your budget!

Underestimation

As well as sticking to your budget, it's important that you don't miscalculate those renovation costs either. Apart from location, the level of renovation required, project complexity and the size of your property, the biggest factors that influence price are labour and material costs. Also keep in mind that renewing your home's flooring will increase your budget as this is one of the most expensive aspects to replace.

Doing it yourself

While it can be tempting to try and save a few dollars by doing a home renovation project yourself, there is a multitude of reasons why selecting specialised professionals is the more sensible solution. Designers, for example, come with invaluable home renovation experience. As a result, they can anticipate any unforeseen problems and manage all the 'heavy lifting' so you don't have to.



Going cheap

You know the old saying, 'you get what you pay for'. Doing things cheap now will have a greater cost down the track. Therefore, it's important to invest in quality fittings and fixtures for your home renovation. The best products come with competitive peace-of-mind warranties too, guaranteeing the level of quality. In addition, sophisticated products that have their functionality and durability guaranteed are more aesthetically pleasing too. The bottom line: it pays to invest in quality products.

Not consulting

While it can be tempting to let your inspiration lead you, obtaining an expert opinion for your home renovation is often the best way to ensure your overall interior design aesthetic is pleasingly consistent. Therefore it's always a good idea to consult a team of experts. Melissa Lunardon Interior Design offers a free design consultation to accommodate your dream home renovation. Our friendly team will help feed your inspiration by listening to your intended reno plans and offering the best advice to turn those interior design dreams into a reality.



The laundry is one of the most hardworking rooms in the house. But with a little effort, the laundry room can be just as stylish and organised as the rest of your house. From coloured cabinetry and detailed tilework to unique hardware and storage baskets, it is possible to transform your laundry room into a standout and stylish space you'll want to show off to guests.

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