2020 Home Trends That Will Add Value to Your Property

The new year is just weeks away. Designers are reviewing 2019’s trends and figuring out which ones will be tweaked, and which will be given their walking papers. The frontrunners may surprise you.

**Earth tones and black**

Every year, Pantone announces their selection for Color of the Year. Living Coral was the winner in 2019. However, many designers have seen the same colors used in homes and condos enough to know that earth tones and black will remain popular in 2020. This may be part of the eco-conscious trend of sustainability and going back to nature’s offerings. Shades of brown, green, blue, orange, red and tan are ideal for living rooms and dining rooms. Black is a bold color perfect for grounding any space. It enhances colors and shapes. Think of an ebony sculptural piece of any scale, a dramatic accent wall or small touches, such as black typing ribbons around lampshades. To spruce up your house or condo for sale, get out your paintbrush and select the hue(s) you could enjoy for the next few weeks or months. Keep in mind that Miami Beach was voted the [least uptight American city](https://www.rentcafe.com/blog/apartmentliving/lifestyle-apartmentliving/the-least-uptight-places-in-america/) by RentCafe.com. Homebuyers are drawn to the Magic City for its welcoming and creative use of unique colors. Experiment with aquas, corals and pastels. Make your home stand out with color.

**Conversation islands**

During the 1950s, the popularity of open concept kitchens and kitchen islands began to grow. In the debate about open concept or closed kitchens, islands remain an agreed upon point. Islands provide space to prep meals and to store non-perishable food. T-shaped islands have been the most popular for most of the recent decade. However, the issue with some loved ones and guests not being able to add to conversations has made square islands the projected trend for 2020. If a remodel is not in your future, t-shaped islands can be tweaked by placing chairs or stools in the corners to make conversation easier.

**Kitchen cabinets**

Speaking of the kitchen, cabinets are always a worthwhile upgrade because they take up quite a bit of prime real estate in any condo or home. Cabinets can make a home look modern or dated. However, a few coats of paint and a couple adjustments will have any kitchen looking on-point. In an all-white kitchen, pops of turquoise, lemon or black can be a revelation. If you would prefer to stick to classic white or neutral palettes, change the hardware. Handles can break up the natural finish of the wood and clash with backsplashes. Cut-out options, brass and touch releases are predicted to be big in 2020. If you are considering a complete revamp, cabinets with glass doors are enjoying a comeback from the 90s. They are part of the minimalistic movement of making the most of what you already have in the heart of your home.

**Flooring**

Flooring will be getting quite a bit of attention in 2020, with texture and character being touted as the next big things. Predicted popular textures include hand scraped, wire brushed and distressed flooring. Bamboo, cork and engineered wood are eco-friendly materials home and condo owners should consider for new floors. Wood tones  that will gain momentum in 2020 include whitewash and espresso. Blonde wood is expected to be popular for its ability to hide scuffs and enhance any decor. Vinyl has come a long way and mimics more expensive materials like marble and wood. Consider that wider planks give the illusion of more space, as does placing planks at a diagonal.

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