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Make a statement



Neutral walls and a statement piece of furniture will be 'on trend' in 2020.

So what will the home of 2020 look like?

Last issue we took a look at how many of us are moving into a new year, and a new decade by giving our lifestyles a major overhaul.

It may well come as a bit of light relief to know that many of the new interior trends for 2020 don't focus on lengthy reconstructions, but on creating a striking statement that can transform a room. We take a look at the main areas of the home and find out how you too can make a statement.

Living Room:

Last year, the Nordic Retreat look that offered a stripped back style created a chilled-out space to relax in. The abundance of grey palletes that adorned living room walls has been replaced by warmer tones, such as oatmeal, natural buff, beige and the Dulux 'Colour of the Year' for 2020 - Tranquil Dawn (see below).

Nature is still at the heart of the living room of 2020, with natural sun-drenched wood furniture, botanical prints and living plants complimenting the calm, comfy feel. In order to break up the serene Scandi theme, look for statement pieces that create a talking point and brings out a bit of your personality.

In recent months, many retailers have been showcasing curved or fluted sofas which give a contemporary take on traditional luxury. Look out for these oversized statement pieces in upholstered velvet or linen finishes. Carpet is still a favourite with those creating a new look in the living room as there are so many patterns and finishes that can completely transform a room. However, if you want to keep your natural flooring then maybe an adventurous rug with bright stripes or geometric shapes may give you that statement piece.

Wall art is still a great way to break up the neutral colours of a room, look out for abstract artwork that can offer bold

blocks of colour that can create a mood. This theme can also be complimented with the addition of cushions on your curved sofa.

Clair Strong is a Bath-based Interior Designer (www.clairstrong.co.uk) and believes 2020 will see a greater emphasis on sustainability.

"I think one of the key trends for 2020 will be refined luxury. Refined luxury is all about high quality materials and thoughtful design choices. It's a rich colour palette, tactile textiles, fine cotton bed linen, and gorgeous tableware – things that add luxury to your every day. It's not opulent or over the top – it's something everyone can adopt. This trend leans into the sustainability movement because its focus is on quality not quantity and choosing pieces that will last a lifetime."



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