

11 HOME TRENDS THAT ARE HERE TO STAY

WHAT TREND EXPERTS ARE SAYING ABOUT 2011



"An eclectic mix of items from different periods is a great way to bring softness or drama. It gives the room a very clear emotion. I think people are willing to play with that now."

VICENTE WOLF
NEW YORK INTERIOR DESIGNER AND AUTHOR



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SIZING UP SALON STYLE

We're referring to a method of hanging art, not hair salon art. "Salon" is the French term for drawing room. Instead of restraining yourself to a gallery wall with coordinating frames, there's something delightful about a confident floor-to-ceiling mishmash. It makes a room feel lived in and — here's the word again — personal.

■ Roni Jaco's living room walls contain a mélange of pieces from her travels, antique prints and photographs. "When you like things, they just all seem to go together."



"No house feels like a home unless it has soulful objects. The role of artisans and craftspeople is fundamental."

SARAH RICHARDSON
DESIGNER AND AUTHOR



GOIN' COUNTRY

No, we're not talking 1980s geese in bonnets. We're seeing casual, toned-down finishes on furniture. "White wash instead of pure white," Sarah Richardson says.

Currently, country includes the grayed-out Gustavian and Belgian furniture available in catalogs such as Restoration Hardware and Wisteria. Well-worn woods vs. exotic ones create a rustic elegance, Richardson says, and will stay around a while.

■ Gray console cabinet with Gustavian reeded detailing, \$1,399, Wisteria



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We like Richardson's recipe for a tasty mix: "Masculine and feminine in equal parts. You don't want to alienate anyone. Light and dark, and old with new, also both in the same amounts. That way the room is not a time capsule, but it's not trying too hard to be cutting edge."

■ An Indian desk inlaid with bone and ebony is unexpectedly paired with a Verner Panton chair in one of Wolf's homes.

BACK TO BULB BASICS?

Victorian, Edison-style and stadium-edge bulbs are surprisingly hot items. Numbers despite the shift toward CFLs and LEDs. No, not for all your lighting needs but perfect for your decorative clear-glass and bare-bulb fixtures so that you can really see the filament.

Carbon-filament light bulbs debuted in the 1890s and stayed around the house until tungsten transformed the industry.

New carbon-filament bulbs offer 1/2 of the light at 10 times the price, according to Resurrection Lighting catalog. "But they make any fixture ethereally beautiful."

■ Use an Edison bulb (\$24) with this glass lamp from B Here Now in Independence.



LET IT SLIDE

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■ Canadian company KNC makes the wall-mounted Crowder Round Track with exposed wheels and hardware (www.kncrowder.com).

DIGGING GOLD

We'll be seeing more golden upholstery fabrics and furniture finishes, even a little brass.

■ Gold-leafed paper-mache bowls by Chicago-based Up in the Air Somewhere, \$28 for large, \$18 for small, Mash Handmade, 3900 Pennsylvania Ave., 816-960-7000, www.mashhandmade.com



LIGHTENING UP THE KITCHEN

A streamlined kitchen will never go out of style. But "Ye Olde Kitchen," as Vicente Wolf calls Old-World craftsmanship, has had its day.

"A kitchen shouldn't look like it's more than 150 years old when your home isn't," he says. "There's fakery to it, and dark cabinets can be depressing. A kitchen is like an operating room. You want it to be clear and bright so you can see all the details."

In addition to good task lighting, Wolf prefers white cabinets or lighter woods.

■ Wolf designed this modern yet timeless kitchen.



"I love textiles that you can use as a coverlet on a bed, as a throw for a sofa, as a cloth for the table and as art for the wall."

RONI JACO
OWNER OF THE LOADED TRUNK ONLINE STORE IN KANSAS CITY



HEADING TO MONTHLY MARKETS

Good Ju Ju in the West Bottoms and Urban Mining Homewares in Westport have made a go of selling vintage furnishings on First Friday weekends. So much so that other places are following suit, including Thistle in the Crossroads Arts District, Bottoms Up in the West Bottoms and Vintage Market locations north of the river and in Prairie Village. It seems to be a winning formula. Owners and vendors have a month to prepare merchandise, and customers can enjoy the thrill of the hunt. We predict more occasional markets in 2011.

■ Good Ju Ju is a monthly market.

TONING DOWN HARDWOODS

Although espresso and dark hardwood floors have been the norm for years, we're noticing a little lighter look for the surface you walk on.

"You're starting to see two-tone and gray finishes," Wolf says. "Like driftwood."

■ A driftwood-like finish in flooring, Tudor Nostalgic by Bois Chamois Vintage Hardwood Flooring of Delaware, www.boischamois.com.

REIMAGINING MATERIALS

The "who knew?" factor of upcycled house goods will be even bigger in 2011, according to those at Etsy, the online marketplace for handcrafts. Look for plastic bags turned into bowls and bike parts into clocks. Richardson is seeing more recycled-content countertops.

► Turquoise mini file box made with vintage record album covers by FreeStyle Gifts of San Francisco (\$38, www.etsy.com) could be used for coupons, recipes and at a wedding as a guest book box.



THINKING PINK

The color of 2011 is an optimistic pinkish red called Honeysuckle, according to Pantone, which provides color services for design professionals in interiors, fashion and graphics.

"This color, not the sweet fragrance of the flower blossoms for which it was named, is what attracts hummingbirds to nectar," says Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute.

This shade of pink can go Barbie in a hurry. But small doses could go a long way: accent pillows, a Moroccan pouf, a dish towel or one wall of a bedroom.

■ Mexican pillow cover with hot-pink embroidery, \$60, the Loaded Trunk, an online store based in Kansas City, www.loadedtrunk.com

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