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Nostalgia, color and comfort: The forces redefining home design this year

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Predictions from design leaders, manufacturers and social media sites for this year show home will continue to become more expressive, emotional and deeply personal. Across furniture, décor, renovation and digital trend forecasts, consumers are curating environments that balance comfort with character.

Moe's Home

Furniture wholesaler Moe's Home Collection shared three trends that will shape the home furnishings industry.

Future Heirloom - Timeless craftsmanship reimagined for modern life, nostalgia is back with a modern accent with designers leaning into heritage details, rich finishes and the beauty of imperfection.

Hello, Color - People are looking for mood-lifting palettes and emotional interiors. A company survey showed that designers are embracing hues that speak to optimism and individuality.

Modern Now - Bold forms, material honesty, and a refined sense of play with a soft edge are bubbling to the surface.

Streamline

The two trends that Streamline Art is watching this year include Deep Rooted, a return to warmth, texture and authenticity; and Ethereal Serenity, which reflects calm, softness and renewal.

"Home décor for 2026 emphasizes warmth, texture and personal storytelling, with natural materials, organic shapes and earthy tones for spaces that feel grounded and inviting," said Jenny DiVizio, Steamline Art & Frame Inc. director of product development and merchandising.

Apartment Therapy

According to Apartment Therapy's 2026 State of Home Design, homes will be saturated in warm, rich neutrals next year. Some top colors include Espresso Bean, Warm Mahogany, Martini Green and Marigold.



Designers anticipate a shift to simple geometric patterns (stripes) and hand-drawn floral and fauna patterns. (Photo courtesy of Apartment Therapy)



Designer Arvin Orlano said butter yellow is having a moment as seen in this sectional. (Photo courtesy of Moe's Home)

"I love the warmth brown brings to a space," said Jennier McKissick, owner of Jennifer McKissick Interiors, told Apartment Therapy.

Designers also anticipate a shift to simple geometric patterns (stripes) and hand-drawn floral and fauna patterns.

"The focus on natural materials, layered textures, and calming palettes creates spaces that feel both refined and livable," said Marlaina Teich, interior designer at Marlaina Teich Designs.

Pinterest

Social media site Pinterest predicts that consumers will seek comfort, authenticity and optimism this year to quiet the constant noise of the world and social media.

55% of global respondents are prioritizing comfort as a need in their daily lives. They're engaging in safe havens, finding relief in everyday rituals and using nostalgia to feel like themselves again. Over the past few years, Pinterest has seen a rise in nostalgic trends that transport people back to childhood because looking to the past is comforting.

The Pinterest study found that nostalgia is evolving into "reclamation," fusing the past with the present to brace for a future that is unknown.