

Top TRENDS

Battle of the Sexes—romantic femininity vs. dashing masculinity

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The overarching trend in home furnishings and design is to personalize comfortable elegance. Luxurious textiles, detailed furnishings, exotic accessories and artful lighting converge in complex colors and metals to create inviting yet sophisticated interiors.

1. Barely There Just a drop of color will do to nudge interiors from neutral to nuanced.

2. Bling it On At risk of appearing too demure, finish with jewels of crystal, anything of acrylic and trims of metal.

3. Art Appreciation Art is in the details, as in beautifully shaped legs, sculptural chandeliers, the graceful curves of a chair and the intricate design of a rug.

4. Mirror Image Mirrors of extraordinary artistry return in a featured design role as coordinates with furnishings or as statement pieces.

5. Velvet Touch There is simply nothing more decadent than luxurious velvet, now appearing in furnishings across the design spectrum.

6. Brass Ensemble From accessories and mirror frames to intricate inlays and ferules, brass is a solid hit, however, more pianissimo, hand-rubbed silver leaf and gold leaf are also trending.

7. Well Suited Menswear inspired fabrics trend forward and upholstered furnishings stay guest-ready in sophisticated new indoor/outdoor fabric collaborations.

8. Mod Squad Mid-century modern influences permeate, elevate and refine contemporary design aesthetics. Look for acrylic, exotic woods, tapered legs and angular silhouettes.

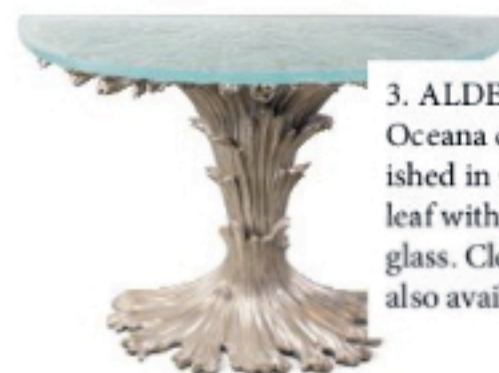
9. Divide and Conquer Interesting curios, étagères and cabinets re-emerge to subtly define spaces in open plan homes and draw interest to cozy nooks.



1. LOLOI'S Cyrus Collection rugs made with hand-knotted, 100-percent viscose from bamboo.



2. CORBETT LIGHTING'S Charisma chandelier of clear triedi crystal prisms complemented by hand-applied gold leaf.

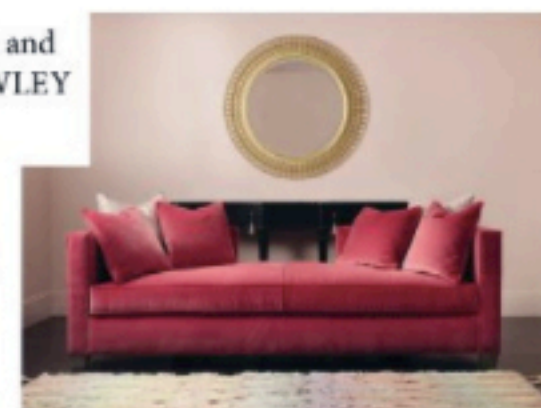


3. ALDEN PARKES' Oceana console finished in Champagne leaf with creek-side glass. Clear glass is also available.



4. GLOBAL VIEWS Forest mirror and cabinet from the Studio A collection wrapped in brass, hand-embossed and rubbed with an oiled bronze finish.

5. Curious daybed, console and mirror by CYNTHIA ROWLEY for Hooker Furniture.



6. FENDI Casa's Artu round sectional sofa and constellation side table. The Villa Borghese logos are optional.



7. MARLEY Lounge chair and ottoman by Hickory Chair.



8. HENREDON'S Ellington circle bar cabinet.



9. CENTURY FURNITURE'S Brass front curio.