

Stunning Trends for Any Room

Enliven your home with the five top decor accents, patterns and colors professional interior designers are embracing this season and beyond.

by **MONIQUE VALERIS**

1 NATURAL ELEMENTS

Whether you're creating a personal sanctuary outdoors or bringing the outside in, "think lots of greenery and plant life mixed with organic woods," says designer Elle Cole.



2 *Dramatic Tile*

What's old is new again. "People are falling back in love with the easy maintenance of tile floors in kitchens, mudrooms and other spaces," says designer Erin Gates. "The checkerboard 'trend' is actually rooted in historical design and completely classic." In this kitchen, she chose a checkerboard porcelain flooring to balance crisp gray cabinets (porcelain tiles are a more budget-friendly option for recreating marble).

3 **FLORAL PRINTS** *(of any size)*

Florals are all the rage right now, but there's a trick to selecting the right print: "Large-scale and organic flowing/climbing patterns are great for wallpaper and window treatments, while smaller-scale prints are best for accent pillows and lampshades," says designer Erin Gates.



BETSY BLUE HEATHER FLORAL TRAIL
WALLPAPER BY ERIN GATES FOR A-STREET PRINTS, \$140 PER ROLL, ASTREETPRINTS.COM



FARMINGTON STONE LILY OF THE VALLEY
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Dramatic tile and floral print: Sarah Winchester; designed by Erin Gates.



Amanda Anderson; designed by Marie Cloud, Indigo Pruitt Design Studio. Artwork: Black Head by Morgan Otagburuagu.



4 **Personal Expression**

Think of the art in your home as a conversation starter—it should be an expression of your passions. Whether you like discovering one-of-a-kind paintings abroad or you have an affinity for abstract photography, it instantly adds a personal touch to your home. "I adore a piece that captures our differences and unique features," says Marie Cloud of Indigo Pruitt Design Studio. "The impact of that as art can make a space even more dynamic."

5 Graphic Patterns

Taking a design risk with a daring pattern isn't for everyone. An alternative from designer Karen Nepacena of Destination Eichler: "If you're hesitant to commit, use a bold design in a small space, such as a powder room, to test the waters," she says. Consider a muted green shade, which Nepacena says is popular this spring.



Christopher Dibble.

October Mist: Benjamin Moore. Periwinkle: Beatriz da Costa. Evergreen Fog: Sherwin-Williams. Periwinkle swatch: Courtesy of Pantone.

2022 Color Trends

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BENJAMIN MOORE

October Mist

Layer this **gently shaded sage** paint color with pastels or neutrals—you can't go wrong. "We particularly love it for a calming bedroom or study, an elegant living room or millwork and cabinetry when a fresh take on neutral color is desired," says Andrea Magno, director of color marketing and development at Benjamin Moore.



SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

Evergreen Fog

This **subdued mossy green** is brilliant for everything from creating a relaxing living room to refreshing mudroom cabinets. "I even love it on trim with white walls," says Sue Wadden, director of color marketing at Sherwin-Williams. "It's also a beautiful exterior color on a whole home or shutters and trim."



PANTONE

Very Peri

This **bold periwinkle** shade boasts a red-violet undertone that can stand alone or pair well with orange, peach and apricot. "Very Peri is the perfect color for a spring 'lift' and will work beautifully for a tabletop, wall coverings, linens or an accent piece, and as a fun way to refurbish a piece of furniture that needs a redo," says Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute.

