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We saw hundreds of homes this year —these are our 2026 design ins

And the trends best left in 2025.

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We've been looking back through our 2025 *Home Front* coverage for clues from the pros about what might bubble up next year in the design world—and which micro-obsessions were fleeting. Stay tuned for our takeaways from this little investigation in January. In the meantime, we're turning the lens on ourselves. —*Lindsey DeSimone, senior marketing manager*

Ins and Outs

Collectively, we've sifted through hundreds of renovations, home tours, and DIY projects this year. Some were a perfect reflection of design right now, others gave us ideas about where interiors may be heading, and a few made us realize what we *don't* want to see more of for a while. Without further ado, here are our ins and outs for 2026.



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Editor in chief Lindsey Mather's ins:

- **Color that will be everywhere:** Rust red (above left).
- **Material to get its moment:** Lace. Peep this [sculptural floor lamp](#) and these [oven gloves](#).
- **Trend about to take off:** Whimsical embroidery on things like [curtains](#) and [furniture](#). It's not just for kids' spaces!
- **Item going in my cart:** Anything from [Pierce & Ward's West Elm collection](#) (above right). I'm still not over how good it is.
- **Reno to tackle:** Replacing the ceiling fan in my daughter's nursery. Here's the [least offensive option I could find](#) in my budget.



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And outs:

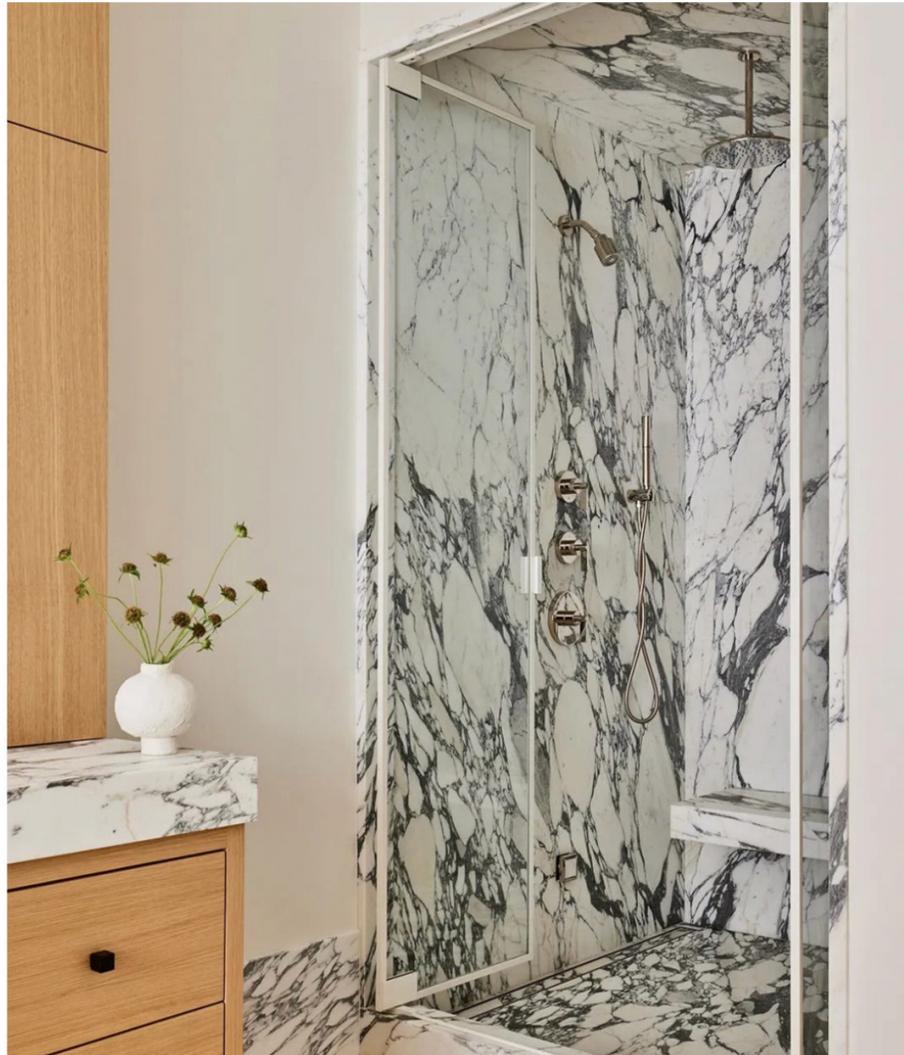
- **Trend I hope goes away:** Faux picture-frame molding.
- **Home item I'm done holding onto:** All the mass-produced artwork I got in my twenties.
- **Viral decor I've seen enough of:** Polished or brushed brass anything. It screams early 2000s to me. Stick with unlacquered and embrace the patina (above).
- **Design habit I'm breaking:** DIYing. This is probably going to be controversial, but every project I attempt to do myself takes ages and results in me damaging something. No more!
- **Feature that's not worth the splurge:** Built-in microwaves designed to look like mini ovens. I'd rather just hide a regular one in a pantry or appliance garage.



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Managing editor Samantha Weiss-Hill's ins:

- **Color that will be everywhere:** Ochre—it's lived-in, has personality, and exudes warmth (above left). (See: Farrow & Ball's [Duster](#) or Benjamin Moore's [Leap of Faith](#).)
- **Material to get its moment:** Ones that show their age proudly, like wood, leather, and pewter.
- **Trend about to take off:** More [high-design, at-home saunas](#) (above right).
- **Item going in my cart:** Still ISO the perfect tiny nightstand (with closed storage please!).
- **Project to tackle:** Better cookbook shelving—we're considering a compressed Vitsoe system to act as a room divider between the kitchen and dining area.



And outs:

- **Trend I hope goes away:** Ditsy florals—not for me.
- **Home item I'm done holding onto:** Too many accent pillows.
- **Viral product I've seen enough of:** Boneless sofas and nonstick cookware.
- **Design rule I'm breaking:** Adhering to one era or style—who cares if you mix midcentury with cottagecore or minimalism with Americana craft? If I like it, it goes together.
- **Reno feature that's not worth the splurge:** Skip the fancy tub and put the money into a steam shower (above). Promise you'll use it more.



Home editor Lydia Geisel's ins:

- **Color that will be everywhere:** Lime green.
- **Material to get its moment:** Mohair (it's more durable than you think!).
- **Trend about to take off:** Suspension bed canopies.
- **Item going in my cart:** [Bronze shelf brackets](#).
- **Project to tackle:** Adding fabric trim around the base of the lamp on my bedroom dresser.



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And outs:

- **Trend I hope goes away:** Taj Mahal quartzite countertops.
- **Home item I'm done holding onto:** My scalloped shower curtain (it started feeling too cutesy).
- **Viral decor I've seen enough of:** White linen pinch-pleat curtains—I'd love to see more pattern and layering with Roman shades (above left).
- **Design rule I'm breaking:** I don't have a TV in our living room and it's changed my evening routine for the better!
- **Reno feature that's not worth the splurge:** Paneled refrigerators. (I know, I know—but I've seen plenty of beautiful kitchens where the fridge is exposed and I promise it doesn't ruin the vibe. See: above right.)



Senior marketing manager Lindsey DeSimone's ins:

- **Color that will be everywhere:** Greens and browns with bronze undertones (e.g. Little Greene's [Light Bronze Green](#) or Benjamin Moore's [Aged Bronze](#)).
- **Material to get its moment:** Contrast piping (above left). It's not *technically* a material, but it's adjacent, okay?
- **Trend about to take off:** Half-tester canopies (above right).

- **Item going in my cart:** My primary bedroom paint refresh will wrap soon, and my hunt for the just-right antique dresser (I envision something in this [style](#)) will commence.
- **Project to tackle:** Even before [reading rooms](#) started gaining popularity, I'd been dreaming of a bonus closet-slash-reading nook moment like this. IKEA, naturally, will be involved.



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And outs:

- **Trend you hope goes away:** Consumerism. Go on Instagram or TikTok, and it feels like influencers are constantly redoing their spaces, be it with new furniture and decor or full renos. I appreciate creators like [Chalk White Arrow](#) who, despite small changes or seasonal swaps, showcase homes that feel authentically lived in and don't constantly change with the trends (above).
- **Home item you're done holding onto:** Gifts I never use—like a crystal ice bucket—but have historically felt guilty giving away.
- **Viral product you've seen enough of:** Faux-fur blankets. They may be cozy, but are they cute?
- **Design habit you're breaking:** Overthinking color choices out of fear they "won't be good for resale," when I have zero plans to move.
- **Reno feature that's not worth the splurge:** A cold plunge. Not to yuck anyone's yum, but I'm almost certain another health obsession will eclipse it sooner rather than later. Plus, it's pricey and takes up could-be-more-useful space.

