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# Top Interior Design Trends To Try At Home

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Year on year, the variety of interior design styles seem to be getting more and more eclectic. Some would say "anything goes", but there is certainly some method to the madness that is interiors. These days, we're finding ourselves within the confines of our houses — all for absolutely good reason, but it begs the question — with all this time on our hands, how can we put some of it to better use? The answer: let's get creative.

To inspire you to do a spot of DIY and get your creative caps on, we've sourced the most significant, beautiful and downright stylish interior trends this year to turn your house into something akin to those that grace the pages of home interiors catalogues. We're not kidding, you might not even be able to tell the difference once you're finished!

So, here it is — our top six interior design trend picks you should definitely give a go.

### 1 - Classic Blue



Heralded as the colour of the year, after Pantone awarded it with its rightful crown, *Classic Blue* has stolen the show. Described as "a timeless and enduring blue" that's "suggestive of the sky at dusk," top interior designers and enthusiasts everywhere have celebrated the colour over the years — above all, for its versatility.

"A timeless and enduring blue hue, PANTONE 19-4052 Classic Blue is elegant in its simplicity. Suggestive of the sky at dusk, the reassuring qualities of the thought-provoking PANTONE 19-4052 Classic Blue highlight our desire for a dependable and stable foundation on which to build as we cross the threshold into a new era. Imprinted in our psyches as a restful color, PANTONE 19-4052 Classic Blue brings a sense of peace and tranquility to the human spirit, offering refuge. Aiding concentration and bringing laser like clarity, PANTONE 19-4052 Classic Blue re-centers our thoughts. A reflective blue tone, Classic Blue fosters resilience."

In times where we are having to show resilience, reassurance and maintain our stable foundations, it is a colour that resonates today more than ever. Whether you choose to use Classic Blue as an accent wall, to add a pop of vibrancy to otherwise relatively neutral interiors such as chairs, pillows, throws, vases and kitchenware, or layer it with other shades for a tonal effect, this restful colour is sure to restore peace and tranquillity within your own home interior design, as a calming force and oasis. Evoking the feeling of reflection and dreaming, a bedroom would certainly benefit from its dewy freshness, creating a space to dive into, relax and simply recuperate.

# How our hotels are using Classic Blue:

Playa Vik José Ignacio uses the freshness of Classic Blue to blend with the exuberance of nature and daylight that floods through its expansive floor-to-ceiling windows and doors.







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The Walled Off washes Classic Blue around the entirety of one of its Scenic rooms, allowing similar ashy-hued accessories of red, green and mahogany to dynamically intermix, providing somewhat of a Morrocan vibe.







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## 2 - Terracotta / Earth Tones



To fill a home with cosiness and warmth, terracotta is the perfect shade. Balanced between orange and brown, its earthy hues make it ideal to add a sense of the organic into any home. Suitable for use in both a modern or more rustic/boho-chic way, glazed or unglazed, terracotta is easy to incorporate into beautiful interior features. Although it has been used in design for centuries, in recent years, it has seen a resurgence and is being used in innovative new ways. Its versatility, from its texture to its myriad shades, make it ideal for a variety of design quests. Terracotta walls, tiling, lighting, homeware and furnishings make it simple to add a touch of the Moroccan to any space, instilling it with warmth and ambience.

## How our hotels are using Terracotta / Earth Tones:

Dar Assiya embodies terracotta in all of its undeniable glory. Moroccan pots, handicrafts, engraved arches and pillars are paired with alfresco spaces, vibrant pools and ambient lighting that feels wholly atmospheric.







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Masseria Dagilupi uses the textured effect of terracotta flooring to add to its charming minimalist interior design. Its blush, pink hues blend seamlessly with muted matte accessories and furnishings, another key design trend to consider.







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### 3 - Rattan / Wicker



Continuing on with the organic freshness of terracotta, Rattan accessories and furnishings blend perfectly well with plants, creating spaces that seem at once effortlessly stylish, chic and most importantly, sustainable. Whilst Rattan is a natural material, the similar wicker style can achieve the same effect, giving you the ability to create surroundings of natural textures — combine with other natural materials such as wood, linen, cotton and wool for a rustic yet sophisticated ensemble.

Not only does Rattan make for beautiful decorative objects, but they're also a handy storage solution to hold everyday essentials or even to house a plant or two. Like many other materials that we've mentioned, versatility appears to be the name of the game here, with Rattan's resilience making it a great choice for use either indoors or outdoors. The magic of this material is that you needn't fill your entire home from head to toe — it works superbly as a single statement piece or decorative accents to add a touch of style to your space.

# How our hotels are using Rattan / Wicker:

The Hanging Gardens of Bali uses the Rattan look to create its Balinese interiors, mixing Rattan and teakwood pieces to complement the spellbinding jungle backdrop. The result is an earthy yet sultry environment that keeps you cool amid the heat of the jungle.







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Waterproof and weatherproof, Plataran Borobudur uses Rattan for its ceiling/roof to not only create a continuation between the outside environment and the inside but likely to take advantage of its durability, to combat the effects of Indonesia's sometimes unpredictable weather patterns. Resulting in a sophisticated display, Plataran blends the neutral tones of Rattan with an earthy palette so as not to distract from the notion that you're in the jungle!







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### 4 - Wabi Sabi



Restoring natural simplicity and authenticity into interior spaces, the Wabi-Sabi Japanese interior design trend is as much a philosophical belief as it is a design concept. Originating from the fifteenth century as a reaction to Japanese lavishness, rare materials and over-decoration, Wabi-Sabi concentrated on finding delight in imperfections and accepting things that are in front of you. Think rustic elegance and celebrating furnishings and design pieces as they are — discolourations, chips, blemishes, faults and all!

A key element of Wabi-Sabi is its focus on nature — after all, what is more perfectly imperfect than the raw textures and forms that nature has endured throughout the centuries. Wabi-Sabi's deep affiliation with nature is the cornerstone of this trend and so too, is the notion of accepting an item throughout its entire lifecycle; selecting items for their longevity and sustainability, so at each stage, they could be repurposed and turned into something new and versatile to use in your home, keeping their history alive. A cracked bowl could just as easily be repaired, in the name of *Kintsugi* (the Japenese art of mending broken pottery with gold, silver or platinum lacquer), or using a rickety wooden stool as a makeshift table. Pieces do not necessarily have to match — this design trend is all about filling your space with decor that brings you joy, no matter if it matches your overriding style or it's more of a mix-and-match ensemble.

## How our hotels are using Wabi Sabi:

argos in Cappadocia's interiors thrive with the storied history of its furnishings. After all, this stunning retreat is set in the ancient village of Uçhisar, the site of a former monastery, so it's no wonder their interiors celebrate this exciting lifecycle. Using clay pots and old wicker baskets as vases and lengths of wood as tables and fruit bowls, argos plays wonderfully with the concept of finding perfection in imperfection.







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Eco Hotel Saltus implements the Wabi-Sabi principles into their unique building with rooms that inspire, with textured walls and floors, repurposed tables and chairs, and simple, authentic, clean-cut furnishings that seek to marry guests to their surroundings at 1,100 metres above sea level. The overall feeling is one of a seamless connection to nature, bringing the outside in.







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# 5 - Mid-Century Modern



The mid-century modern style has its roots in architecture, furniture and graphic design from the middle of the twentieth century, characterised by clean lines, curves and a burgeoning love for emerging materials and designers that are loved today. The result is a classic and understated look that requires minimal attention, is functional, uncluttered and benefits from minimal ornamentation. Whilst mid-century modern design has become synonymous with the sets of *Mad Men*, it's certainly much more than that! These new, futuristic materials carved new shapes and furniture styles that we'd never seen before, a stripped-back style that needed no disguise. The wonder with mid-century modern is that it hasn't ever really faded out of style due to the fact it's stylish and ideal for both period and contemporary interior design. Add a statement mid-century chair or iconic sofa, use slimline furniture to create the illusion of space and combine white and pale neutrals with pops of bold and/or colourful accents.

## How our hotels are using Mid-Century Modern:

Villa Gilda takes mid-century furnishings and utilises them for not only their function, but also their form. The beautifully classic, upholstered loveseat, iconic teak sideboard and the statement armchair (more of a centrepiece than a piece of furniture), mixing with other styles to create a clean design with a touch of the vintage.







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An elegant combination of mid-century design with relaxed coastal living, Bask & Stow is an architecturally stunning property with distinguished designer touches, assuring no compromise on quality. This classic Eames Lounge Chair made from moulded plywood and leather acts as the sculptural chair in this space, as much a work of art as a functional seat. Clean lines and dark hues are juxtaposed against the white palette, creating a starkly inviting design contrast.







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## 6 - Large-Scale Art and Wall Murals



Wall murals — distinctive, interpretive and highly trendy, large scale art and wall murals give the designer true creative freedom. From panels of paintings that take over a single wall to mural wallpaper that wraps around the entire room in the abandonment of minimalism — wall murals and wall art are supposed to spark conversation and discussion.

The beauty of wall art is that it can be abstract or it can have an entirely obvious meaning; the idea is bringing your own style and personality into a room as a statement to create the desired atmosphere as soon as one enters. Wall murals should really act as the main focal point, with other furnishings

seeking to bolster and complement them. They have the ability to invoke a mood or feeling, offering the perfect backdrop to relax, get creative or concentrate, bringing the beauty and appreciation of art to the forefront!

## How our hotels are using Large-Scale Art and Wall Murals:

Perfectly blending rustic beauty with the elegant wonder of murals and mosaics, each individual room at Hotel Playa Koralia creates a setting of pure joy. The whimsical artwork instantly draws the gaze, encouraging you to stay and ponder for a while on the history of the work and its origins. This period piece may seem at complete odds with the more organic and natural materials that surround it, but that is what adds to the charm and character of the space. The other art works are heavenly, evoking the feeling that you are truly in paradise, or another realm entirely.







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Celebrating art, culture and history, Galleria Vik, located inside Milan's Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, takes the vibrancy of art and splashes it across its walls in a display of glorious technicolour. Abstract, kaleidoscope murals and hand-painted frescos accent the brilliant original architecture to create something of an Italian art gallery turned sophisticated Milanese stay. The art collection has been designed by over 90 artists, accompanied by carefully selected furniture pieces ranging from contemporary interior design to more vintage choices.







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So, which is your favourite? Does the abstractness of wall murals entice you, or do the earthy hues of terracotta inspire you to turn your garden into a Moroccan-infused space? Whichever you felt most exalted by, we hope this has sparked a few interior design ideas of your own — now's the time to get your creativity flowing and who knows, by the end of this period of lockdown, you could have transformed an entire space!

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