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he New Year is upon us, and we are all excited to see what will be trending in the world of interior design. One of the leading trends in 2018 will be

focused on colour. Colour will gain dominance in the upcoming year and will continue to inspire designers to use it in interesting ways in the interior. Whether you use it abundantly in a room or minimally to punctuate your space, 2018 is definitely going to be all about colour.

From the revival of retro colours like burnt orange to warm earthy palettes of pinks,

plum greys, and to rich red, bold fuchsia and striking blue, the palettes for 2018 are simply fantastic. The combinations are endless and daring.

In the world of metals, gold will wear the crown in the upcoming year. All shades of gold will be trending; from the antiqued shades to the warm yellow tones. Gold will definitely be the go-to metal.





One of my personal favourites when it comes to golden tones is un-lacquered brass. This finish is organic, and is often referred to as "living." It has a unique and individualized look and feel. The absence of lacquer allows the durable and solid brass to naturally age over time and develop a beautiful and unique patina of colour and texture.

Texture is another focus in 2018. It can be found in the plushness and luxury of a rich velvet fabric – very "en-pointe" in the upcoming year – or in simple colour-washed wallpaper. Regardless, texture will play a key role in 2018. A fantastic go-to supplier to check out in 2018 is *Alendel Fabrics*. They offer not only a great selection of durable velvets in a wide range of colours, but have also launched a wide selection of textural wallcoverings that are sure to inspire.

Concrete will also be a finishing trend this year. It will be appearing everywhere: on the floor, the walls, or even the countertops. Geometrically shaped concrete tiles will be particularly popular, as will polished and distress concrete finishes.

Continuing on the path of colour and texture, botanicals will maintain their popularity. Whether they are used in fabrics or wallcoverings, their impact will not be missed. In the kitchen, black and deep rich greys are the new white, accompanied by warm textured woods and metals to create a modern, slightly industrial aesthetic. Colour will be prevalent in the kitchens as well as the bathrooms. Companies like the luxury British bathing brand *Victoria+Albert* offer free-standing tub collections, now available in six new external finishes including a rich and stunning gloss-black and beautiful Antracite. A coloured free-standing tub can be just the perfect complement to gold toned bathroom faucets and fittings, creating a luxurious and sophisticated modernistic look. Check out the latest options at vandabaths.com.

Regardless of your personal style – whether it is industrial vintage, modern, traditional, or Scandinavian, to name a few –



2018 will offer new and interesting ways to incorporate colour into any interior. It will be a year of colour, warmth and inspiration. Embrace the trends you'll be seeing to create a warm and inviting home to enjoy for years to come.

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