

A GOLDEN YEAR AHEAD... WELCOMING 2018!

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With this year nearly over, we're eagerly anticipating what lies ahead in the world of design and décor. Color will continue its inspiration and domination well in to 2018 and beyond. Whether you use color abundantly within a room, or minimally to punctuate your space – color definitely holds steady for 2018.

From the revival of retro colors like burnt orange, to warm earthy palettes of pinks, browns and plum-greys, to rich reds, bold fuchsia, and striking blues, the selections are endless: palettes for 2018 are simply fantastic!! No matter which color palette is yours, one thing that remains consistent in 2018 is gold. Whether you use it as an accent color in

your accessories, hardware, lighting, or it becomes your primary wall color shades of gold is “where it’s at” for 2018.

The gold tones we are seeing this year range from the shiny yellow-gold of days past, to a beautifully weathered antique gold. Though I must say, one of my personal favorites these days is unlacquered brass. Unlacquered brass has a look and feel all its own. It's warm, less formal than polished nickel, less typical than chrome. This finish is organic, and is sometimes referred to as a “living finish”. Due to the absence of the lacquer, this allows the durable solid brass to naturally age over time and develop a beautiful unique patina of colour and texture.



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As a designer, what I love most about this ever-evolving finish is its adaptability. When designing spaces for my clients, I find I'm drawn to the unlacquered brass finish for everything from bathroom fittings and accessories, to furniture items and lighting. It offers sophistication, old world charm and yet modernism. It can be used in an upscale or traditional setting, and yet still blends well with both rustic or contemporary influences.

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When looking to add color to your spaces, the mainstay of paint, furnishings and accessories are always first and foremost in your mind; however, color can be introduced in many other forms. Luxury British bathing brand, Victoria+Albert has introduced their free-standing tub collection, currently available in six new finishes, including a rich gloss black and beautiful Antracite, which is a great color and design inspiration to create a style all your own. A colored free-standing tub can be just the perfect complement to gold toned bathroom faucets and fittings, creating a luxurious “spa-like” oasis.

Fabric is always a wonderful way to

add not only a burst of color to your living space, but texture as well. When designing with neutral palettes, texture becomes prevalent. Texture has the ability to add a powerful, yet subtle dimension to a room; and continues to be a strong trend moving forward. If you’re a bit color-phobic and prefer to maintain a neutral palette, texture can be a great way to create an enviable home. Alendel Fabrics has released several fantastic new fabric lines full of color, texture and great patterns for the coming year. Rich, bold colors and beautiful subtle neutral tones can be found in a wonderful array of fabrics, from trendy lush velvets to inspiring linens. The only limitation is your creativity.



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Designing with color adds personality to your home. It gives you a “carte-blanc” to create a look and feel uniquely your own. Let 2018 be the year you are inspired by color and all shades gold. Don’t fear it: embrace it and have a “golden year”!



HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO START YOUR COLOR TREND FOR 2018:

1.

A gallon of paint goes a long way in enriching any space. With a little bit of work you can quickly transform the feel of any room!

2.

With an abundant selection of not only colors, but patterns, wallpaper can translate into an inspirational resource for elevating any room.

3.

Don't be afraid to mix gold in with other metals in your home. Mix metals are on trend, and can make a great statement.

4.

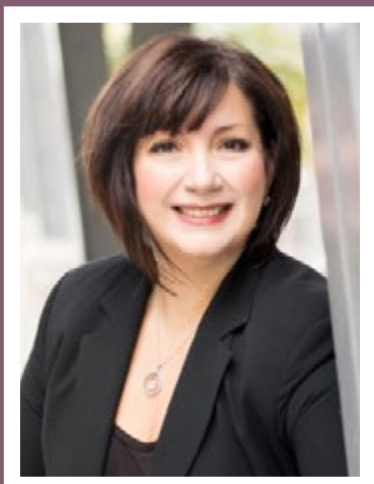
Add a black element to your mix. By doing this you clarify, and enhance all the other colors in the space.

5.

Invest in a bold colorful piece of artwork: an easy way to immediately change the look of any space.



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