

CLASSICS WITH A TWIST:

Hot Interior Trends for 2013

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I am loving the design trends we are seeing in 2013. The timeless products that we've enjoyed for decades have been updated with new materials and technology. If you are considering an update, or even a remodel, consider incorporating some of these ideas into your home. My philosophy? Be on the front end of new trends, not the tail end of the previous ones.

Here's how you get on the front end for 2013:

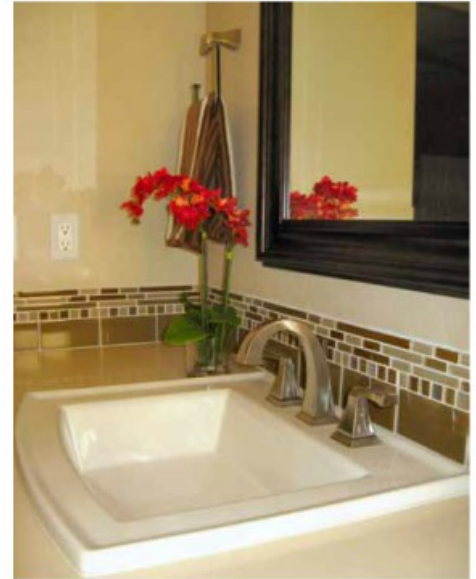
FLOORING

Wood floors will never go out of style and a top choice is prefinished engineered wood. Not only is it an installation time saver, you can't beat the durable finish and wide range of styles and colors available.



CABINETRY

Cabinetry is staying with clean contemporary lines, providing an uncluttered look in your kitchen or bathroom. Another strong option is painted cabinetry. Choosing a classic square panel door, timeless in its own right, and pairing it with a neutral paint color such as white, cream, or charcoal can add that extra touch of charm to your room.



COUNTERTOPS

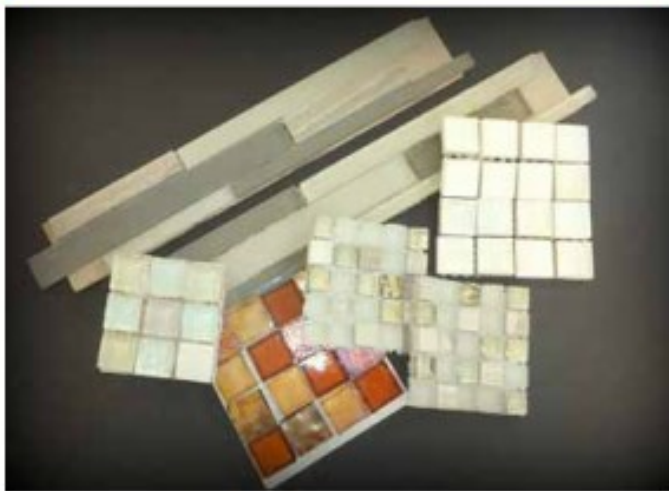
Granite countertops are still a strong choice, but Quartz composite countertops are rapidly taking the lead. With almost no maintenance and consistent color tones they provide an excellent complement to the cleaner cabinet lines. Also gaining ground are concrete countertops, providing an industrial look and feel that are available in a wide range of colors.

SINKS

A deep single bowl sink is the new star of the kitchen. With accessories like colanders and dish drains you get the benefit of a double sink while still being able to fit that large roasting pan in the sink for cleaning.

APPLIANCES

Stainless appliances are still the finish of choice and it's the "pro" series appliances that consumers desire. These generally come with a professional level price tag though. Keep your eye out for some well-priced gems in the appliance world. You'll get the luxe look without the luxe price.



▲ TILE

Tile is the jewelry of any room it is featured in, and the updated stone and glass mosaics used in backsplashes and showers are just gorgeous. Pair them with the new sizes of subway tile or great stone look porcelains for a fabulous pop!

▲ SHOWERS

A great shower is all you need these days. Don't feel guilty about getting rid of that master tub you only use 3 times a year. Consumers today want a fabulous shower along with a great showerhead. Go that extra step and add a hand shower. It makes cleaning the shower so much easier and if you incorporated a seat into your design any future mobility changes are accounted for.

COLOR

A couple of years ago I began to see gray used frequently in design magazines, now gray is everywhere. A personal favorite is Sherwin Williams Perfect Greige, a sophisticated combination of beige and gray. If you want to be on the cutting edge of the new color trends for 2013 add some aubergine, a shade of purple, to your world. An easy way to be trendy is add small accessories, pillows, and throws to your room. Mix it up a little more with a pop of kiwi green!

Updating your home not only enriches the enjoyment for yourself and others, but if done wisely will give you a great return on your investment. Have fun, be creative and don't be afraid to try something new.

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