



Don't be surprised to notice a resurgence of metallic shades and metals incorporated into home designs in the year ahead.

Home trends to expect in 2016

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Trends in home remodeling and decor tend to come and go. Something that is popular for a little while can fall out of favor when the next new idea comes along. New trends are always on the horizon, and 2016 may encourage homeowners to try something new.

- **Metallics and metals are back.** Although stainless steel accents in the kitchen have long been popular, the glistening look of metal and metallic shades are back in a big way. Inspired by the 1950s and 1970s, brass, gold and metallic finishes are popular right now.

- **Texture:** Texture is a big component of interior design. Furniture and accessories featuring faux fur and natural fibers are becoming popular. Pieces adorned with cozy materials can seem more inviting. Organic shapes, such as tables looking like the tree trunk they were cut from, also are expected to become more popular.

- **Artisanal touches in accessories:** It's all about

getting back to basics, with homeowners desiring pieces that are one-of-a-kind and handmade rather than mass-produced.

Expect to see more accessories that are made by hand or in small batches, like pottery or hand-woven textiles, as homeowners are increasingly turning to independent artists and artisans when decorating their homes.

Homeowners can even support independent artists when choosing art for their homes. For example, YourArtGallery.com provides an online marketplace for artists to showcase and sell their work, and buyers looking to support independent artists can rest easy knowing that 90 percent of all image royalties go directly to the artist, a stark contrast to the roughly 50 percent offered by more traditional galleries.

- **Fabric on the walls:** Walls also will be covered in texture and pattern. Textiles will increasingly turn up on walls and in places they haven't traditionally been seen. Patterns may lean toward

floral, tropical and indigenous artisan weaving designs.

- **Pinks and blues:** Expect to see pale pink and blue in various design applications. The Pantone Color Institute® released a blending of two colors, Rose Quartz and Serenity, as their 2016 Color of the Year. This has impacted color trends through all areas of design — including home touches. These colors pair well with mid-tones, like browns and greens, as well as the increasingly popular metallics.

- **Smart homes:** Technology is changing the way people look at their homes. Water-resistant music systems for the bathroom, wirelessly operated Bluetooth devices that turn on lights or appliances from a smartphone and even fixtures that use technology to self-clean are turning up more and more.

Home decor trends are always changing, adding new life to homes and keeping armchair interior decorators on their toes.