**Subject line: design trends for the home**

Ready to give your home an update? Here are some new design trends to keep in mind when making those upgrades.

Wood floors are still here to stay when it comes to home trends, but the shift is in the shade of wood. A darker wood was once more popular, but it seems that a lighter wood is the new trend and in a wider plank around 5 to 7 inches in width.

People are also looking for a simpler trim style and moving away from the crown molding.

While white kitchen cabinets have been very popular the new trend is going toward a more colorful kitchen with darker colors on the cabinets. Darker colors for lower cabinets and lighter upper cabinets are being seen a lot in new kitchen designs as well.

According to some home designers, a few other trends that we will be seeing more of will be bare brick walls and more color throughout the entire home, not just in the kitchen.

Lighting will always be an important feature in the home. Many are leaning toward more unique types of lighting to add more personality and style to the home. Vintage fixtures continue to be a popular option. When it comes to lighting don’t be afraid to mix metals. All the fixtures in your home do not have to match.

Another trend is the use of more natural elements in the home with an emphasis on wood being used throughout. In addition, accessories to make the home feel more cozy such as faux fur throws.

Minimalism is not just for the millennials, many are leaning toward less clutter and decorating with items that have a purpose.

Of course, you don’t want to make decisions simply based on a trend. Your home is your oasis. It should make you feel comfortable and relaxed so choose items and materials that you like and that you will enjoy for years to come.

Keep function in mind as well. While some trends may look nice, they may not be practical for everyone.

Warmly,

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