

Five Home Décor Trends for 2022

The way Americans use their homes has changed since the advent of the pandemic and has encouraged interior design trends for 2022. These ideas are so smart, they're likely to stick around even after the pandemic is over.

Smart furniture

According to Puffy.com, the smart furniture industry is on track to reach \$244 million by 2024. Televisions can double as artwork when turned off, couches, beds, and chairs offer charging ports, but most exciting are coffee tables that come with refrigerator drawers so you never have to leave the game to grab a cold one.

Muted but colorful décor

Color palettes for 2022, such as those suggested by Benjamin Moore, are calling for blue, green and yellow colors on the paler side, far from the dark and moody jewel, spice and deep ocean shades of recent years.

Vintage accents

Whenever life seems chaotic, homeowners become nostalgic for simpler times. Housebeautiful.com

explains that vintage furniture and accessories feature craftsmanship, materials and a flair for individuality that can't be duplicated today. Large floral patterns are great to pair with stripes or abstract fabrics.

Multifunctional room design

Working from home makes, homeowners want more space, but Brick.com says that space should be more flexible. The room where you put your desk may also have an integrated workout area.

Curved furniture

Room design, furniture and accessories will feature elements that feel like a soft comforting cuddle, says 2modern.com. Rounded edges are a welcome change from the geometric look of modern furniture. ■

Source: Berkshire Hathaway Home Services



Accent Wall Inspiration



Upgrade a plain, boxy room with energetic, bold color. Refresh your favorite nook with soft, subtle hues. Read on for inspiration and how-to guidance for a DIY accent wall you'll love!

If you know how to paint a wall, you know how to paint an accent wall. How to choose an accent wall often presents the bigger challenge!

An accent wall often showcases a room's focal point, like a built-in bookcase, fireplace, or art. Other considerations for which wall to choose include...

Adding dimension to a room that has minimal architectural detail. Breaking up open floor plans, bright rooms, and rooms with high ceilings. Creating a specific mood, since color impacts how a space makes you feel.

Accent colors are meant to pop, and create visual interest in a space: When choosing an accent wall, select a wall with purpose—your eye will be drawn to it immediately. For rooms with darker color walls, consider going lighter for an accent wall. If the walls are light and airy, consider a deeper, bolder color.

In need of some accent wall inspiration? Look to the other colors featured in the space, picking up a similar color from a piece of artwork or textile can help tie the room together. ■ *Source: Benjamin Moore Paints*

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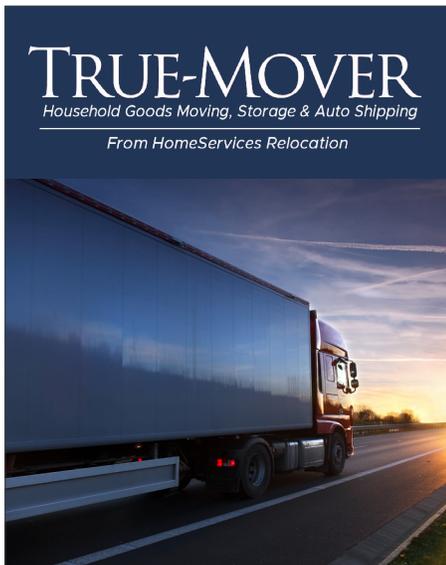


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Smart Home Pros and Cons



What is smart home technology? Having a smart home means you can control a number of appliances and devices from the convenience of a smart device. Is the latest home automation technology worth it? Let's explore some pros and cons of having a smart home in order to help you make a decision about whether it's right for your household.

Smart Home Pros: When it comes to automating, controlling, and protecting your home, there are plenty of benefits to home technology. Here are ALL of the many smart home pros:

- Convenience
- Full control of smart appliances from a mobile device
- Customizable
- Beneficial for elder care and disability care
- Saves time
- Danger detection
- Tax and insurance benefits
- Safety and security features

Smart Home Cons: When deciding if a smart home is right for you, there are important points to consider when exploring home technology pros and cons:

- Privacy concerns
- Needs reliable internet connection
- Technological difficulties
- Initial investment
- Learning curve

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