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An insider's guide to living on the northside.
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Designer Ann Wisniewski and her husband John are partners in AJW Designs. Photo Courtesy Ann Wisniewski

HOME + HARMONY

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A focus on home décor seems to be more in vogue than ever before. Some people rely on their own personal tastes, others on expert interior designers.

Three designers – Catherine DeSantis of Ca'Shae Interiors, Daniel DeSantis of Daniel DeSantis Interiors and Ann Wisniewski of AJW Designs – recently shared some of their decorating inspirations and what's currently trending in residential style.

"People are wanting things that are really clean and simple," says Wisniewski, of Roswell. Many of her clients incorporate new designs with their home renovations.

Bright citron green, warm reds and oranges are particularly popular. "After the downturn in the economy a few years ago, neutrals and white became more popular," Wisniewski adds.

"But with positive growth, there's been a return to brighter colors."

DeSantis says accents of pink and blush tones are making a comeback with clients at his Buckhead business. "You're already seeing coral and turquoise," he says. "It's all about using pops of color in a room, like spices in a recipe."

Silver is also fashionable, particularly for painted pieces and wallpaper, and is having its own resurgence.

Fabrics and Wall Coverings

Wisniewski makes clever inside use of the newer, more attractive indoor/outdoor fabrics. She recently created a family room with furniture upholstered in those fabrics to protect against inevitable drink spills.

"People are wanting things that are easier to take care of," she explains.

Grasscloth wallpapers are also trending. ■





Catherine Talkington designed her client's kitchen in monochromatic colors.

A large kitchen island is shown in the home of Michael Abdul.



But this naturally woven wall covering is no longer just a neutral hue. "There are many more colors available," Talkington says. "You might juxtapose one soft grasscloth wall with a sunburst light fixture."

Along with grasscloth, DeSantis sees growing interest in natural fabrics. "We're going back to natural wool, linens or velvet. Organic fabrics bring a natural balance."

Textures

Designers have been blending patterns and styles for years, but mixing textures is particularly in demand this year. At Ca'Shae Interiors in Roswell, Talkington recently paired traditional dining chairs with a charming cowhide bench.

Wisniewski likes to use monochromatic color schemes and then textures, such as nubby fabrics, leather or velvets – all in the same colorways. "You can incorporate a lot of different pieces, like painted pieces or glass, with the same tone in the same room," she says.

Reclaimed Wood

Reclaimed wood, such as barn wood, is a hot trend in 2017. "It works for flooring, paneling, ceiling accents, shutters and doors," says DeSantis, adding that he likes to mixing warm, vintage textures with natural elements.

Surfaces

In the kitchen, millennials are going for quartz countertops over granite, according to Wisniewski. It looks more like a solid slab and requires less upkeep.

In flooring, porcelain has an appearance of marble ■

Above Ann Wisniewski features a quartz countertop. Photo COURTESY ANN WISNIEWSKI



Catherine Talkington, owner of Ca'Shae Interiors, in Roswell.

In addition to monochromatic colors, interior designers say citron green, warm reds and oranges are popular