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Top 5 Interior Design Trends for 2017

Straight-lined minimalism gives way to liberal ornament, and kitchens get a room of their own. Dozens of interior-design pros weigh in on next year's trends



OUT



IN

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Out: Flashy Ore

"The shiny, polished brass from the 1970s made a huge comeback the past few years," said New York designer Sasha Bikoff, but in 2017, the showy material's shine has largely worn off. Like gold-plated anything, the lacquered metal skews nouveau riche, especially when used in quantity. "As with any beautiful element," said California designer Ohara Davies-Gaetano, "less is more."

In: Muted Metal Finishes

Where metallics are concerned, subtlety trumps glitz. San Francisco designer Grant K. Gibson predicts the ascent of matte details like oxidized metals and matte glazes, while Ms. Bikoff recommends the "higher level of sophistication" provided by "warm and worldly antique brass." Nashville's Chad James concurred: "It's time to move to neutral-colored metals, the more-primitive steel and cold gun metal." He suggests pewter, like the Nanz Company's knobs at right, as another refined alternative.