



WHAT'S IN? WHAT'S OUT?

Spaces that mix textures and colors are in for 2013. Ferm Living carries a variety of beautiful textiles.

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What's hot in home décor – and what's on the way out as the calendar flips to 2013?

We asked members of The N&O Design Team to give us a peek at the latest trends and to share a trick or two to help the budget-conscious among us make what's on the way out in again.

Wallpaper, metals of all sorts (and mix 'em up to make a statement!) and bold color are in, as are eclectic looks in furnishings and accessories that give your space that curated-over-time feel. Their top "outs"? Fussy, meticulously matched or ostentatious décor that screams money.

But don't get hung up on the "rules" or be a slave to trends, our design experts say. Your space should tell your story and reflect your passions.



Buttons on upholstery are a must for 2013, like this Victor Chair from West Elm, \$599-\$749.

Bright and light



Jill Metzler-Wiese of Just Jill! Interiors in Durham

IN: Hot pink is the in color; rich gray and butter yellow is the hot combo. October's furniture market in High Point had every showroom comparing their pieces to fashion. Brightly colored leather is an accent to tweeds, houndstooth and heavy cottons in gray (the new tan). Buttons on upholstery are a must; add bling via lamps or pillow fringe accessories.

OUT: Big, heavy, dark brown leather upholstery on every seat in a room. Sofa, loveseat and recliner? Way too much weight! Adding a brightly colored area rug and large textured pillows will tone down the dreary feeling. A bit more to invest? Reupholster cushions in a heavy woven multicolored fabric. A gallon of paint and a rainy Saturday afternoon can yield some terrific results.

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Geri Johnson of Home Styles in Cary

IN: Spaces that are eclectic, personal, inviting and fresh, that mix styles, textures and colors in interesting and different ways.

OUT: Rooms that are overly matched, themed or heavy.

To help make your "out" spaces "in," consider:

- Reassigning items to a different room or function. Mix it up!
- Reinventing items by painting them black, white or a fun color.
- Removing dated items and taking them to the attic or donating them to a good cause.
- Replacing tired items with something fresh like toss pillows in a new color to tweak your home's palette.

Reinvention

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Industrial elegance



Alison Steele of A+S Design in Durham

IN: There will be a continuation

of industrial materials formed into elegant pieces like Tommy Mitchell's amazing metal flowers and cocktail tables, made in Hillsborough. Don't forget the local talent we have all around us!

OUT: Teal green. Emerald is the color of the year for 2013, so get your greens right!

This gilded Tommy Mitchell table keeps the industrial, elegant look fresh.

Go graphic



Erin Cook of the Two Story Cottage (design blog) in Waxhaw

IN: Bold, colorful accents such as wallpaper are being paired with globally inspired accessories for a graphic, modern look. Brass is making a comeback along with calming neutrals and weathered wood.

OUT: Matching furniture sets are out. Break up furniture groupings and mix pieces with what you already own or replace an end table with a garden stool for a layered look.



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Colorful wallpaper is being paired with globally inspired accessories for a graphic, modern look. This Paeonia wallpaper, \$148, from Anthropologie can bring splash to your walls.

Inside

Advice galore: More tips from designers, plus source list. 4D

Man's love of magnolias runs deep



Garden Spot
Debra Boyette

Tom Krenitsky has learned a lot about magnolias in the last 20 years. Sometimes, however, what he doesn't know has him on pins and needles. The semi-retired pharmaceutical researcher calls himself a magnolia-ophile – a lover of magnolias. "I must confess that I am passionate about them," he says in his book "Planting for Posterity" (The Fields Press, 2010, 118 pages).



Krenitsky

He grows magnolias – hundreds of them, ranging from small shrubs to huge trees – on 83 acres in northwest Chatham County near Chapel Hill. Krenitsky, 74, comes from a family of gardeners, and his own interest dates back to childhood. That interest grew when he moved from New York to the Triangle in 1970 for his job with Burroughs Wellcome. He became fascinated by the variety of **Inside** plants he could **Want to try?** See grow in his new, 5 key tips. **3D** warmer home.

Through mutual friends he met J.C. Raulston, the horticulturist who founded the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh. Raulston sparked his interest in magnolias: "His enthusiasm was very contagious." Magnolias are both scientifically and aesthetically interesting, Krenitsky says. They were on the planet along with the dinosaurs. They are very diverse: **SEE BOYETTE, PAGE 3D**



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A tour of Tom Krenitsky's private garden is on tap in late March at JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh.

Reinvigorate your soil with alfalfa pellets

By MAUREN GILMER
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"Fallow ground" is the term that farmers use when a field needs a vacation. "Fallow" simply means "uncultivated for the growing season," and when ground is so deemed, the land is freed to its own ends. A fallow field will give life to all sorts of weeds, volunteer veggies and native species that are allowed to flourish. Underground, the microbial activity increases due to the diversity of plant roots compared with the monoculture that was there in previous seasons.

Farmers also learned how to reinvigorate their fields when fallow with another technique known as "green manure." Instead of letting the field go entirely fallow, it is sown with legumes, a group of plants that absorb atmospheric nitrogen and transfer it through the roots into the soil. After a legume plant dies, its **SEE WINTER, PAGE 3D**



Alfalfa pellets – which cost only \$20 – are exceptional for winter soil-building.

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SARAH DORIO - HGTVREMODELS.COM VIA AP

Chevron and showers



Rosa Plaza Dest of Rosa Dest Interiors in Charlotte
IN: Chevron is in and in a big way. From wall coverings to fabrics to floor coverings, you are seeing it everywhere.

OUT: Gold-framed, glass-enclosed master bath showers. A sure way to make a huge visual impact is to replace these with frameless glass. Not only do you get an updated bath, they're also much easier to clean.

Chevron is in and in a big way – as designer Brian Patrick Flynn's experimentation with color and patterns in his basement studio shows.

Welcome Art Deco



Lori Zannino of LZ Design Consulting, Charlotte
IN: Mixing bold jewel tones and neon

brights mixed with muted grays and beiges. Also in: textures (wide knits, burlap, wood grains, etc.) and mixing metals and woods in furniture and décor items. Art Deco style will see a resurgence with mirrored furniture and decor with strong angles.

OUT: An all-neutral color palette. Make this "out" an "in" by adding pops of color in your accessories.



Mixing woods in furniture and decor items is a home trend to look for in 2013. This Patchwork Dresser from West Elm, \$999, showcases six eclectic finishes.

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Metal mania



M.A. Allen of MA Allen Interiors in Raleigh

IN: Mixing metals. I love a blend of warm and cool metals in hardware, lighting, plumbing and art and accessory selections. Long gone

are the days of ordering all plumbing, door knobs, cabinet hardware and light fixtures in one finish, like oil-rubbed bronze or satin nickel.

OUT: If you have one finish throughout your home, swap out a matching light fixture for one in another finish and then use art and accessories to blend the differing finishes. Take it room by room.

Sustainable and local



Anne DeCocco of DeCocco Design in Raleigh

IN: More conscious shopping: People are starting to realize the impact that shopping locally, supporting small businesses and looking

for those "made in the U.S.A." labels can have. My clients also ask about sustainable products more and more, so I see that as a wonderful trend that's really picking up steam.

OUT: Anything poorly made or hard to keep clean!

Brass is back



Susan Tollefsen of Susan Tollefsen Interiors in Raleigh

IN: Brass is back. Not the lacquered, shiny '80s brass, but vintage brass with a patina. I am using it on interior door hardware and in bath fixtures. You must use the good stuff. Heavy and slightly tarnished are good.

OUT: Espresso wood – the veneer stuff you have seen in every mass market merchant. It's too commercial, boring and has no history. Look for quality vintage wood or paint the espresso wood. A shiny, lacquered finish will give it new life.

Glamorous color



Barbara Clare of Chroma 7 Color Design in Chapel Hill

IN: For dominant colors, muted tints of dusty salmon and lavender; shades of marine blue, terra cotta and Victorian burgundy. Think

softened glamour with a retro feel; earthy, organic artisan crafts; the shadowy depths of Sherlock Holmes. For dominant neutrals: mid-tone browns with yellow undertones. Think leather satchels, camel coats, peanut butter on crispy toast.

OUT: High-voltage electric neons used as dominant colors. Want to rev up this muted palette? Spice up your spaces with 2013's accent colors: tangerine, magenta and chartreuse. Think warm glowing sunsets, vibrant pink orchids, and the energizing yellow-greens of spring. Black is out as a dominant neutral. The overall look for home décor in 2013 is soothing and restful. Warm, mid-tone browns can ground your rooms and provide a softer contrast.

Source book

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- The Right Hue in Cary: 919-667-7973 or therighthue.com
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- Rosa Dest Interiors in Charlotte: rosadestinteriors.com or 704-362-1397.
- Two Story Cottage (design blog) in Waxhaw: twostorycottage.com or twostorycottage@gmail.com

Go for whimsy



Stephanie Finucane of The Right Hue, LLC in Cary

IN: Two hot colors in 2013: emerald green and yellow. And citrus hues! Whether it's floral, vintage or folklorish, patterns are

back in wall coverings or linens. Whimsical is in!

OUT: Neon, but don't expect colors to quiet down too much. Tangerine tango (2012 color of the year) has staying power, but don't be tempted to go all matchy-matchy. Mix it up with other brights like fuchsia and turquoise.



PANTONE VIA AP

This emerald green color swatch released by Pantone is Pantone LLC's Color of the Year for 2013, beating out all the other shades of the rainbow.

No limits



Christine Rosario of C.R.I.D. (Christine Rosario Interior Design) in Raleigh

IN: It's all about giving a space attitude, with bold textiles and colorful patterns. No color is off-limits.

Florals, checks and stripes will headline. Incorporate colorful pillows and throws in all sorts of patterns. One of my favorite ways to freshen up in my own home is to buy art online from poster companies and frame it in vintage frames I find at local flea markets. The cost is relatively inexpensive, and the impact is dramatic.

OUT: The old rules of matching drapes, paint, etc., are gone. Be adventurous. Experiment.

Customize



Lisa Stewart of Lisa Stewart Design in Raleigh

IN: Create your own design statement with custom-made fabrics, artwork, murals or wallpaper. Show your personality using your

own design, have one created for you or choose one from online libraries all using new digital printing techniques.

OUT: Avoid boring "one-size-fits-all" design formulas and strategies that lack interest and feel contrived. Instead add unique design elements like custom-made fabric to make a statement about your life.

Living Space

No. 1 resolution: House matters

By KATHRYN WEBER
Tribune Media Services

Sticking to your New Year's resolutions can drain away the good feelings you built up over the holidays. Whether your goal is to stop smoking, cut back on potato chips, or quit avoiding the dentist, getting the job done is no fun. This year, why not turn things around and make resolutions for your home instead of your bad habits?

Sleep priorities

Many people don't get enough sleep, and those who do manage to get to bed on time often don't sleep well. There are many ways you can improve your home and your bedroom to make sleeping easier.

With all the security features around our homes, glowing microwaves and alarm clocks, it's easy to be kept awake by too much light. A dark, cool room promotes good sleep, and even the tiniest diode can seem glaringly bright in the middle of the night.

Cover up all those tiny lights on the TV, satellite box, or whatever else is glowing in your bedroom, or even outside the room. Small lights can still seem bright at night, even though they're 20 or more feet away. Think your glass block bathroom is private? It is – to everything but light. Put up a room darkening blind or shade if you can see your bath from the bedroom.

House goals

Instead of setting weight targets for yourself in 2013, pick four top projects you'd like to get done around the house. This will give you three months on average to complete each one. Some helpful goals include getting rid of mismatched



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Commit to sprucing up the backyard in 2013 so you can finally host a barbecue.

glasses, tableware, bowls and salt-and-pepper shakers. Short on storage? Make it your mission to add more organizers in the pantry, closets and kitchen cabinets. Installing organizers that attach to the ceiling of your garage will help you get all that stuff you rarely use off the floor and out of sight.

Overstuffed

Clutter seems to be our constant companion. This could be the year you finally deal it a death blow. Of course, some of that "clutter" is darn good stuff you hate to throw away. Besides that, someone would gladly pay for that antique corn huskerrusting in the garden. Create a corner to collect your unused items and start listing them for sale on Ebay, Craigslist or Etsy.

The place to be

How many times have you said to friends, "Hey, we'd love to have you over..." but then don't because the backyard landscaping is a mess, the carpet is worn, or the family room you started to paint six months ago is still unfinished? Make a commitment to follow through on such key items around the house that prevent you from socializing – and make your house the place to be in the new year.

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