



SPRING HOME PORTFOLIO

FRESH NEW HOME DESIGN TRENDS AND INFLUENCES THIS SPRING FROM THE LOCAL HOME BUILDERS, DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONALS CREATING THE MOST GORGEOUS RESIDENTIAL LIVING SPACES.

With the upcoming arrival of spring, readers will connect with local designers to find fresh insights and advice in SRQ Magazine's Spring Home Portfolio. From trending colors to the newest products for the home, you'll find great ideas for everything home—from decorating to renovations.

ART UPTOWN Less is more in home décor today. That's according to Jill Krasner, president of Art Uptown gallery on Main Street, Sarasota. The multi-talented painter, designer and overall creative force observes that in a modern home, people seem to prefer one big painting on a wall rather than multiple smaller pieces. Less clutter is the new approach, she feels. A broad range of art works for the modern home can be found at Art Uptown. Plus, the gallery offers much more than art that customers can pay for and take home. "We offer personal service," says Jill. "We're all local artists and that means prospective art buyers can communicate directly with us. In fact, many of our artists will go to customers' homes to work one-on-one with them and discuss their home décor needs." Paintings and other art works in a home are just as important as furniture, relates Jill. They say a lot about the

buyer. New gallery artists are carefully judged, not only on their work, but on what they can contribute to the uniqueness of the gallery. All member artists are professionals who have achieved a high level of distinction in their work. Judging by sales of her own art, Jill finds that abstract florals are definitely in. She paints them in a variety of media: watercolor, acrylic, mixed media and oil & cold wax. Her paintings tend to have an architectural structure that serves as her signature. She encourages art lovers to put Art Uptown on their list of must-stops downtown. There you'll be greeted as a friend and a neighbor.

BUDGET BLINDS & INSPIRED DRAPES As an authorized Lutron dealer, owner Josephine Coco of Budget Blinds & Inspired Drapes says motorization is huge right now in the window covering industry. Motorized window coverings can be synced with your home automation systems, allowing you to open and shut your treatments by voice command or via your smart phone. Coco states, "This is especially popular in Florida because so many residents own two homes, which allows them to control their window treatments from wherever they are. Programming them to open and shut when they are away for long periods of time gives the appearance that

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COPENHAGEN IMPORTS Owner of Copenhagen Imports Mikael Hansen says the borders between work and leisure are becoming more blurred as more people are choosing to work from home. "People are looking for a more casual feeling overall in their spaces and they are combining aesthetics using organic and natural materials," says Hansen. People aren't so focused on designs to impress people, rather on creating a comfortable experience in their own home. "We don't see people wanting ornate décor or busy patterns and colors, it is more minimalistic and clean," says Hansen. The trend seems to be in calm, relaxing safe havens driven by soothing textiles and a clean, uncluttered look. Last year, greys and beiges were top requests however now, Hansen is seeing organic colors being re-

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PAINTINGS — ART UPTOWN



CUSTOM DRAPES — BUDGET BLINDS & INSPIRED DRAPES



ORGANIC COLORS — COPENHAGEN IMPORTS

homeowner; they mirror their personality, their taste, their style. Even the most discerning art lover can get excited about the quality and variety of art on display at Art Uptown — everything from traditional oil paintings and sculptures that you might see in a museum to whimsical paintings, contemporary acrylic and watercolor works, photographs, glass art and ceramics, to off-the-wall pieces that attract a special type of

they are in fact home, keeping homeowners at ease." Their own line of soft treatments Inspired Drapes is exclusive to Budget Blinds, which allows them to tap into a rich history of expertise and an extensive supplier network for unique fabrics, trims and hardware at great values. They offer draperies, valances, cornices, bedding and pillows. Currently the largest window franchise in the nation, Budget Blinds & Inspired Drapes

introduced such as terracotta and robins egg blue. Hansen is also seeing increased interest from clients seeking green manufacturers and environmentally friendly products for their home. They are coming in more informed about specific finishes and the impact of the materials being used. At Copenhagen Imports, the design team works with eco-friendly companies in New England and are sourcing great organic pieces

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made of solid cherry and walnut. New homes being built with a clean, contemporary feel align perfectly with the design spirit of the furniture and accessories at Copenhagen Imports. "Like anyone in our business, we have to be subject to what we see in home design and fashion," says Hansen. Keeping up with the latest trends in creating multi-functional spaces with sleek ergonomics, Copenhagen Imports has become a furnishing destination for the modern design enthusiast.

NUTTER CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION TJ Nutter of Nutter Custom Construction describes the outdoor living space as becoming a popular request amongst his clients. "Outdoor space is huge. Everyone is really going over the top with their outdoor spaces" he says. This can range anywhere from outdoor kitchens, covered lanais, pools and fire pits. Utilizing the outdoor space for living and entertaining has been a trend that doesn't seem to be slowing down any time soon. It creates an additional space that you can customize and with the beautiful weather in Florida, it can be used year-round making it even more



OUTDOOR SPACE — NUTTER CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION

functional. Along with more outdoor space, Nutter is seeing the sizes of homes requested to be built becoming larger. "Rebounding from the recession, a lot of people kept their homes smaller but I feel like people are expanding more to the 3000-4000 square foot homes." In regards to style of these beautiful homes, Coastal Contemporary and West Indies continue to be a reoccurring desire although Nutter says Coastal Contemporary seems to be trending a bit more. With finishes such as tiled roofs instead of metal and a natural, clean feel adorned with neutral and warm colors, coastal contemporary is becoming a prominent style request across the board. A fa-

vorite of Nutter's is incorporating wood in the interior of homes, not solely the exterior. Requests such as wood trim, tongue and groove ceilings and slated wood details are all inquiries he is seeing more of. We can foresee all of these new and exciting trends to go through 2018 and beyond only becoming more in-demand with time.

RILEY INTERIOR DESIGN Owner / Principal Interior Designer of Riley Interior Design, Carrie Riley and her Design team are seeing a great deal of clients embracing color this season. The trend color-canvas popularity of gray tones has really created the opportunity for a multitude of color splash Riley says. "Anything from a rich deep navy schematic accompanied by mixed metals to the daring pop of a bold turquoise flair." The trend of creating and expressing your own individuality and style is becoming more and more popular. Now, with so many design directives and opportunities to embrace the world of design, clients are coming to Riley Interior Design better prepared, with better perspective of what they want and what works for them personally and for their family's needs. The most common



GRAY TONES — RILEY INTERIOR DESIGN

space in a residential project that Riley and her Design team are asked to tackle and conquer would most likely be the kitchen and living room areas. Many of the high-end residential designs create an open floor plan that blends the kitchen and living room spaces as one. "This frequently produces a better environment for entertaining and unity for couples and/or families, thus making the space one of the most visible and impactful areas of the home."

TAILORED LIVING Tailored Living specializes in home organization in closets and garages but their expertise spreads to entertainment centers,

pantries, laundry rooms and utility rooms as well. With spring right around the corner, the excitement of spring cleaning has the team at Tailored Living ready to organize your spaces. Owner Stephen Jacoby says that his clients get really excited about spring cleaning, and it's felt most in garages and closets. "Everyone is looking to have their garage a bit more organized. People get really excited about their garage space opening up as winter starts to fizzle off and it gets warmer." An industrial look has been popular with high gloss finishes and hotrod red as a color request. For closets, Jacoby says there is nothing quite like going into your closet and getting it organized. Tailored Living will come in and maximize your space with tons of options for colors and finishes. White is a popular option for closets, as it is clean, cost efficient and Jacoby says it gives off a bright and welcoming feeling. With new home construction popping up all over the area, he is noticing that clients are veering away from carpet in their closets and opting for hardwood floors or tile. With this being said, people are selecting darker wood grain for their closet finishes to balance the new trend of floor-



CUSTOM CLOSET STORAGE — TAILORED LIVING

ing. With so many different options provided by Tailored Living, they are able to match any floor or personal style requested, and love to do so. Whether it be a garage, closet and anything in-between, the team at Tailored Living loves to go in, work with their clients and help them design a custom cabinet solution to fit their needs. From simple to extravagant – they do it all.

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Powered seating and orthopedically supportive seating have been two growing trends in the furniture industry says General Manager Tom McK-

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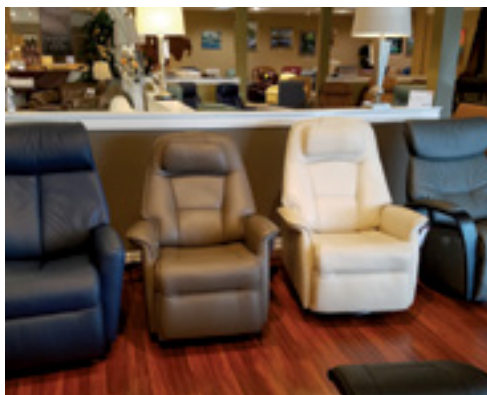


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enna of Leather Gallery and Bedding Center. Initially, factories began creating electronically operated seating such as recliners and sofas, but new to the mix are power headrests. "The reason it's so good, is that it fits every body profile" says McKenna. "Some sofas and styles are made for shorter folks, taller folks, medium folks and when you have the adjustable power headrest option, it fits everyone." Once your footrest is settled and you are in the perfect position, the power headrest gives you even more comfort and you no longer need to use your hands or a neck pillow. Orthopedically beneficial seating has also been a large request that McKenna is seeing. Fjords of Norway is an orthopedically friendly and 100% leather brand proudly sold at Leather Gallery. They are also currently the #1 destination in the country for Fjords of Norway's products. These comfortable seating options are worth the investment. "You don't need to have a bad back to have a good seat." Being in a coastal tropical market, lighter colors are always on request such as creams and off-whites; however, McKenna says his clients are not shy to use colors such as brighter blues, reds and oranges. Yellow is also a very popular selection. Celebrating their 35th year in business, Leather



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THE PLUMBING PLACE At The Plumbing Place, President John Smithman describes an affordable alternative to a typically expensive purchase being a hot commodity. The Waldorf bathtub made by Crosswater is exclusive to Smithman's showroom, being one of the 60 locations in the US currently selling the brand. A British-orient style and as Smithman describes, a sculp-

ture-like piece, this elegant tub has a transitional look and is halfway between traditional and contemporary. What sets this tub apart is that it looks like it is a freestanding tub, but it is actually not. You can see that all three sides are finished and it looks like its sitting out in the open but it isn't. It's pushed against a wall and has an open section in the back to accomodate plumbing" says Smithman. "People really love it because they're after that look but don't necessarily don't want to break the bank on the freestanding tub-filler, which can cost as much as the tub itself." Another popular item for Smithman is The Galley Workstation. When he began advertising and offering this item about two years ago, he would have been content selling 1-2 a year. Word spread and currently, it is their number one seller of any product in the showroom, selling an average of 5-6 a week. This workstation ranges from 2ft – 7ft options and has amazing space-saving add-ons such as colanders and cutting boards. Smithman says it's not just a place to wash up, but also a place to prepare, serve, clean and most importantly, entertain. Swing by their showroom to see both of these items and much more.



THE GALLEY WORK STATION — THE PLUMBING PLACE

YODER HOMES & REMODELING With fresh perspectives of this spring's upcoming trends viewed at the Kitchen and Bath Industry Show in Orlando, Yoder Homes has the know of what's to come this season. Denny Yoder of Yoder Homes describes new cabinetry concepts in kitchens being a trend. Typically, you see an entire wall of cabinets to maximize your space. More people are opting for open spaces and open shelving. People are using full height, built-in pantries to maximize storage in order to allow for some of those open spaces he says. A favorite trend of Yoder is technology in houses and the incorporation used for all sorts of needs. One new imple-



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mentation of technology is in light control, where you walk into a room and you verbally request the light to be turned on. "Technology in homes is becoming smarter, and more user-friendly." A favorite from the Kitchen Bath and Industry Show was lighting technology in your home bathrooms. Motion-censored, the light will automatically turn on when you enter the room and depending on the time of day, the light will be soft or bright. At 6AM when you first wake up, it will be a dimmer, softer light and during the



OPEN SHELVING — YODER HOMES & REMODELING

evening, the light will be much brighter. "Little things like these I think will just become normal" says Yoder. With technology on the rise, motion activation is also trending. Examples are your toilets flushing automatically or your faucet turning on without you touching it. "It's moving slowly, but it's moving into the residential market" he says. Stop by Yoder Homes' office and view their Kitchens and More by Yoder showroom to see the latest in storage solutions, hardware, cabinetry, flooring and so much more!

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