

The hottest trends for 2020

Welcome the new year into your home with three interior schemes that are already commanding attention

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Natural bamboo stool, £37.55, The Farthing

Loscan flat weave kilim rug, £99, La Redoute

Odin bamboo storage unit, £130, Habitat

Syam small bowl, £13.95, Abode Living

Ceramic teapot, £36, noteworthy.style

Eco chic

This year, it's all about sustainable styling, with décor that's as environmentally friendly as it is elegant

With an ever-growing awareness of the impact our lives are having on the planet, where we're sourcing our homeware from is more important now than ever. This year, there's a big focus on mindful purchasing and making informed decisions in regards to where and how our products have been made. And going eco doesn't mean compromising on style – there are lots of amazing brands making beautiful, durable items in a sustainable way. Many of the bigger homeware stores now offer an eco range, but you can also look to designers in your area too. Purchasing locally-made products is an opportunity to support independent makers and stores, as well as cutting back on emissions from delivery. Green is definitely the new black.



Organic cotton dogtooth duvet cover set, from £39.99, H&M Home



Sustainable mango wood Ajuru range, from £9.95, Nkuku



Locker room handmade storage collection, from £34.95, Nkuku



Natural linen blanket, £55, Wearth London

The expert says

"Try not to impulse buy – only buy the things that you truly love and will keep in your home to cherish for years to come. I believe in slow living – your home is your sanctuary, a place that brings you joy every time you step through the door and its contents should reflect this."

Eleanor Nadimi, Founder and Creative Director of ethical homeware brand One Nine Eight Five (onenineeightfive.co.uk)



Labrynth throw, £165, One Nine Eight Five



Stoneware side plate, £12, Aerende



Handwoven mudcloth throw, £70, Lola and Mawu

Join bay & rosemary soy candle, £14, Albert & Moo

Style notes

1. Bamboo is one of the most easily renewable materials available, as the harvesting process is done without impacting the surrounding environment, plus it's grown needing very few pesticides and irrigation. Placing bamboo products around the home creates a beautiful, natural aesthetic and a sense of calm.
2. For furniture, there are tons of options available that won't harm the planet. Shopping for antiques is an opportunity to give a once-loved piece a new lease of life, which can be easily styled up or left to exhale its shabby-chic vibe. Upcycling is also a great choice – how about transforming wooden pallets into seats or a bed frame?
3. Avoid manmade fibres, instead choosing recycled or natural materials. Naturally dyed or un-dyed fabrics look minimal and undone in the best possible way.

Open weave hanging basket, £18, Bohemia



Macramé wall hanging, £15, M&Co



Rwenzori bowl, £9.99, HomeSense



Java velvet armchair, £POA, BRABBU

Cosmo macramé hanging basket, £15, Debenhams

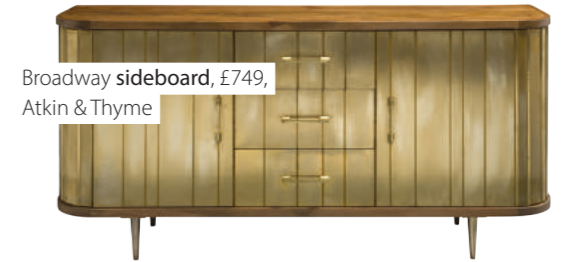


Heather dining chair, £119, Cult Furniture



The expert says

"What I love most about this trend is its brilliant use of materials – namely cork, macramé and rattan furniture. Not only can you bring natural elements to your living space, but the most important part of this trend is to have fun with it, and bring lots of joy and glamour back into your home." Sam Hood, Co-Founder and Creative Director of Amara (amara.com)



Broadway sideboard, £749, Atkin & Thyme

Seventies style

This timeless, laid-back-luxe vibe is about to make a serious comeback

The free-loving spirit of the Seventies is making a stellar return to interiors in 2020. We've been seeing little glimpses of it for a while now, with the resurgence of bohemia in recent years – however, this time around, it's a little more subtle and stripped back. There's still plenty of trailing greenery and patterned fabrics, but taking centre stage is the curvaceous furniture the decade is synonymous with. Think plumped-up sofas, statement rounded chairs and chic drinks cabinets. Combined with elements of contemporary styling and clean, soft colours, it's this year's way of injecting effortless glamour into your home.



Lana cotton wall hanging, £59.50, Oliver Bonas



Dirk van Sliedregt rattan chair, £525, The Old Cinema

Kendall chair, £69, Dunelm

Santino solid oak dining table, £799, John Lewis & Partners



Style notes

1. Focusing on a single statement piece is a great way to champion this vibe. A deep rattan sofa or a curved wooden dining table can set the overall tone of the room, without being too over the top.
2. Beautiful plants breathe life into this style. A well-placed Monstera in a terracotta pot, or a beautiful trailing plant hung from the ceiling looks effortlessly chic and brightens up your space.
3. Woven and knotted décor is your next step to a Seventies haven. Go understated with a macramé hanger, or for a bigger statement, choose an oversized, detailed wall tapestry.

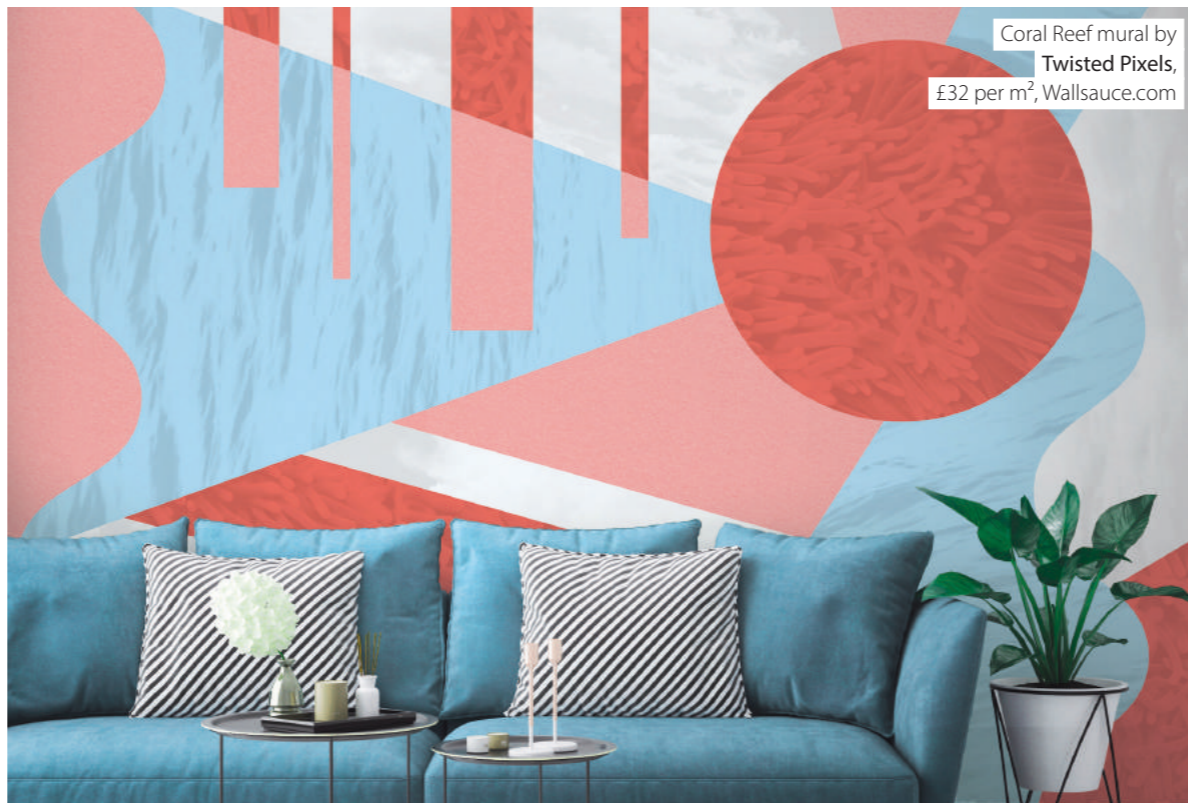
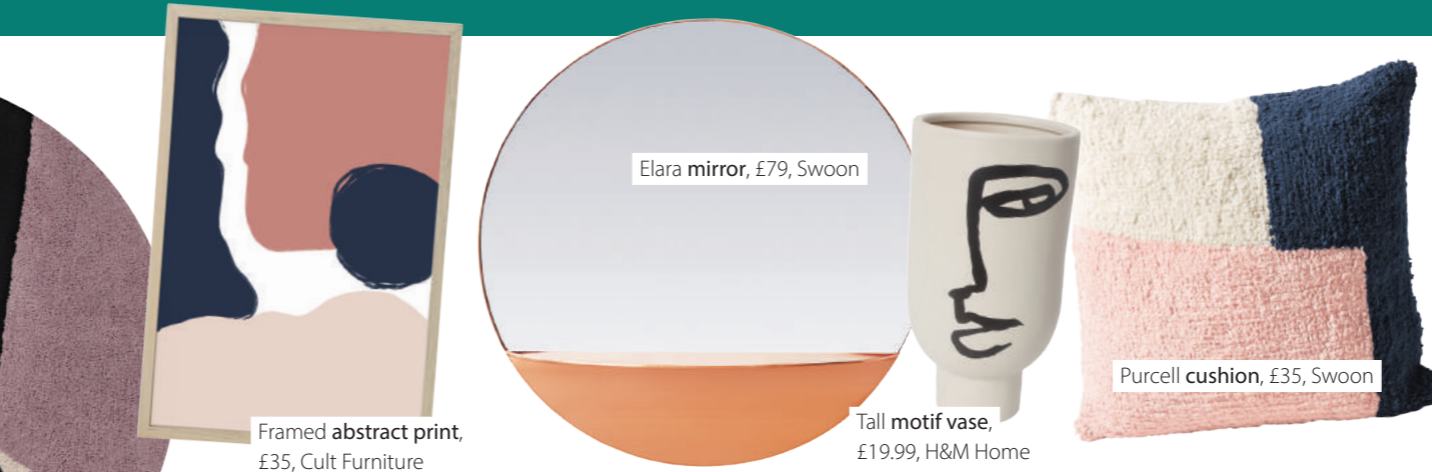


Frida rattan chair, £179, Amara

The expert says



"At Made.com, we first noticed pattern inspired by art and illustration such as abstract, collage-like shapes and simple monochrome line-drawn figures coming through in trade fairs that we visited last year, and expect these to grow immensely in popularity this year." Ruth Wassermann, Design Director at Made.com



Modern abstract

Create a fun, inviting space with minimal lines, angular shapes and block colours

Art-inspired homeware has the ability to express a variety of moods, adding quiet playful nods or taking charge of the entire ambience. Whatever your preference, there's a way to implement this style into your home. Shapes, fine lines and a bold use of colour are the primal foundations of this trend; we've seen each of these elements creeping into interiors over the past year. For 2020, it's time to be daring, mixing and matching prints and objects through your rooms. Luckily, this is easily done – abstract art and geometric shapes can be incorporated into your furniture, lighting, fabrics, and decorations. The sky's the limit, so go as all-out or subtle as you like.



Set of two planters, £29, Made.com

Abstract face cushion, £25, Made.com

Janus paper vase, £18.50, Octaevo

Patterned scatter cushion, £25, M&S

Hubsch mirror, £30, Mon Pote

Lorena Canals geometric rug, £140, Cuckooland

Framed abstract print, £35, Cult Furniture

Elara mirror, £79, Swoon

Tall motif vase, £19.99, H&M Home

Purcell cushion, £35, Swoon

Roanna two-seat sofa, £449.99, My Furniture

Coral Reef mural by Twisted Pixels, £32 per m², Wallsauce.com

Mirrors, from 175€, Harvey Norman

Style notes

1. Choose block colouring in bold, yet slightly muted shades – think dusky pinks, bottle greens, dark greys and inky blues. Try painting a feature wall in each room for a less heavy look or go all-out and coat the entire room in your favourite colour.
2. Include illustration in your furnishings. Simple line drawings, most commonly of faces or bodies, are going to be everywhere this year and are easily worked into your décor through framed prints, printed cushions and rugs, or more discreetly through kitchenware like mugs and plates.
3. Incorporate shapes into your space. This can be done through geometric patterns in rugs and throws, or in a more stand-out way – we love large circular mirrors hung at eye-level.