



Five Window Treatment Trends: Great Ideas to Update Your Space.

It seems like every time the wind blows a different direction there's a new fad in interior design. Keeping up with trends can be hard.

To make things easier, I'm highlighting five trends in window treatments that have staying power. If you decide to implement these suggestions, not only will your space get a mini facelift, but you'll benefit in other ways as well (can anyone say energy savings?).

Without further ado, here are five window treatment trends sure to make a statement:

1. Green materials.

Being eco-friendly is a priority for many people, and with the variety of organic materials and earth conscious options available in the window treatment industry, it's not hard being green. Shades made of bamboo are a popular option, as bamboo grows extremely fast and is considered a renewable resource. In addition, treatment options like Hunter Douglas' Honeycomb Shades are extremely energy efficient and reduce heat lost through your windows. Not to be outdone, there are new lines of "performance fabrics" that have anti-microbial and anti-fungal traits woven into the yarn to help people who suffer from allergies. If you don't need these high-tech options, consider window treatments made with non-toxic dyes. When it comes to being eco-friendly, you have your pick of options and can be sure this is a trend to stay.



2. Bold prints

If you're looking to add a youthful flare to your space (or simply want your windows to make a statement), consider bold prints for your shades and drapery. Bold stripes, bright florals, and geometric patterns are great for adding visual interest to stark walls and can take the place of wall art or paint. Bold prints suggest a playfulness that works especially well in children and teenage rooms. However, kids of all ages can enjoy the laid-back ambiance bold patterns provide.

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3. Sleek lines

Are you modern or contemporary in your design sensibilities? If the answer is yes, you might want to consider adopting sleek lines as your window trend of choice. The trend “sleek lines” is all about creating a clean, seamless look in your window and room. By utilizing shades or panel track systems installed to the inside of your window frame, you highlight the architectural detailing and create a sleek silhouette against the window. To create this look, you aren't limited in choices: depending on your room's theme, you can select any number of colors and fabrics to reach your goal.

4. Silk panels

Want an easy way to wake up a dull room? Try silk panels. Although silk is a bit pricier than other window treatment options, they're a huge design statement. Silk panels look luxurious and are a good way to add sleek texture to a space. In addition, silk has a sheen and is great for reflecting sunlight or more subdued lighting from candles. Bottom line? Silk drapes are extremely versatile: they come in a variety of colors and patterns and are sure to make a long-term design impact in your home.

5. Technology

“Clap on, clap off.” Guess what? The same simplicity and convenience is now available in window treatments. These days, your window treatments can be controlled by a light switch, a remote control, or over the internet. With technological advances occurring rapidly in every industry, you can be sure that technology is going to play a huge role in window fashions moving into the future. Currently, decking out your home with the latest gadgets and technology can be an investment and options are limited in terms of styles and fabrics. However, as this trend takes hold, expect prices to come down and design options to expand.

I hope with the “trends” outlined above you get some great ideas for your own home and realize that keeping up with the newest fad doesn't need to make your head spin.