



## A Look Back At 2017's Biggest Trends: What's Staying Around Vs. What Will Be Out In 2018

*Homeowners might want to consider ditching their all-white rooms in favor of pops of color and texture.*

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A lot can happen in a year—especially in the design world! ESTATENVY spoke with Kate Marengo, interior designer at [Interior Chicago](#) to get the scoop on the industry's biggest trends from 2017.

One notable trend this year was a rise in the use of color and texture. Marengo says this was her favorite trend, noting, “This year, we embraced non-neutrals like millennial pink and jewel tones, and mixed it up with heavier woven fabrics and velvet.”

Playing with colors and textures is a great way to have fun with decorating while giving a room more dimension and personality. This trend is expected to carry on into 2018 as homeowners experiment with different layers of texture and hues.

2017 was also a year that featured several unexpected trends. Marengo said she was most surprised to see homeowners embrace hexagon tiles in place of standard subway tiles throughout the home. “It surprised me because it can sway a little sci-fi if done wrong. I love subway tile so much, but I’m happy now I can mix it up with another similar trendy option.”

Another trend that caught her off guard was increased interest in bright green in paint and in cabinets. Although she says she does appreciate the tone, she wouldn’t typically choose to paint the walls of a room in the vibrant shade.

When looking at trends, it is important to remember that they will not last forever. Marengo says, “Trends that are on the way out are copper and rose gold accessories, all white rooms and Edison bulb light fixtures.”

These trends made a large statement in 2017, and their widespread popularity may have worn out their welcome. As these trends fade from the public eye, they will be replaced by trends that create the opposite tone. “All white rooms have a cold museum feel while Hygge is trending and it promotes warmth and calm.”

Marengo recommends that homeowners be cautious when incorporating trends into the home. Her general rule of thumb is to use one or two trend items within a space. That way, when the trend fades from popularity, it won’t be too expensive to replace.

“I think Hygge is a trend that can be adapted over the years,” she says. “It can be achieved with warm lighting, accent blankets and works of art that are easily replaceable and adaptable to current trend colors and fabrics. Who doesn’t like their home to feel relaxing?”