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NEW YEAR, NEW SHOES

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OUR COMMUNITIES

2017 the year of
INSPIRATION

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WE'RE ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE LATEST DESIGN TRENDS. SUZANNE WILKINSON ASKS THREE DESIGNERS FOR THEIR PREDICTIONS

AFTER

If you are curious to know what we'll be loving in 2017 then get the inside story from three local interior designers whose work is frequently profiled on the Houzz website – an online community about architecture, interior design and decorating. See houzz.co.uk. Since the ideas are so new, we can't actually show you the trends used in their designs, but we can give you the lowdown on what to include if you are decorating or refurbishing this spring.

DEFINED SPACES

Bridget has noticed a move away from “open plan” living, instead panelling, glazed screens or even solid walls are being used to divide up spaces. Perhaps it's a backlash against the hurly burly of life and the need for more me time, or maybe it's that once you have lived with open plan you've also lived with the acoustics and cooking smells that go with it!

EMBELLISHMENT

Ornamentation is making a return after the Scandinavian trend of “less is more”. One could say “less is a bore”. It's happened in fashion and now interiors are hot on the trail. Look out for textiles with beautiful embroidery and weaving as well as chandeliers and vintage mirrors, all help increase the comfort factor.

ESCAPISM

The market has moved away from hardwired technology where heating, lighting, curtains/blinds and music are controlled by mobile phones and laptops. The good news is that this makes refurbishment easier and less expensive. Maybe, with ever-increasing amounts of time at work spent on the screen, we're only too happy to have less digital distraction and more relaxed furniture and materials around us in our free time.

DETAIL MATTERS

Tiling is taking on a faceted form in all kinds of materials including unpolished porcelains or beautiful Sicilian lava tiles. This is one trend that Bridget is very keen to use to create luxury and interest. Another intricate detailing, such as a cupboard handles can do wonders to “lift” a cabinet.

MUST HAVE PRODUCT

Watch out for drying cabinets which dry a load of washing in a short space of time and are more energy efficient than tumble dryers. They don't have to be sited in a utility room.



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Bridget Reading trained as an architect before opening her own design company Bridget Reading ID. With Bridget's love of detail and materials she can provide a full service to create a unique, beautiful, and bespoke home.

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