

Folitor's Note

Winter has a way of sharpening how aware we feel of the features (and downfalls) of our homes.

Gatherings fill the calendar, and we take a harder look at our décor and layout as we prepare. We're more acutely aware of needed repairs, too.

We also make new memories every year that pull from elements of the

home—the rooms that serve us best, the interactions built around the perfect tablescape, the holiday decorations seen in the background of every photo we take...

This issue of Signature Home Style pulls together everything you need to wrap up the year and look forward to the new one!! Flip through the tips for the best quest room...see what the industry is hinting at for 2026 trends... and get inspired with design boards filled with my winter favorites.



Thank you for inviting me into your home this season!! I hope this issue gives you that spark of possibility that you crave most...

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THE HOLIDAY-READY FLEX ROOM:

TURN AN everyday SPACE INTO A GUEST retreat



Over the years, I've shared countless tips about creating stunning, welcoming quest rooms. But in homes without a full-time quest suite, or on those occasions when the guest room(s) you have won't cut it, flex rooms come into play.

What are flex rooms?

Maybe it's the office you rely on during the week, or the craft room you unwind in. Maybe it was one thing before, and it's something else now!!

Flex rooms evolve with the seasons of life.

When the holidays arrive—along with college kids home for break, extended family from out of town, or friends escaping winter weather—these spaces need to transform. Quickly. Elegantly. And without disruption to your life, either.

Here's how to make a flex room feel like a genuine quest retreat!!





PRIVACY THAT feels intentional

Guests should feel like the space is truly "theirs." This is your priority number one!

Here's how to do that:

- Add an opaque window treatment (like lined drapes or cellular shades) even if you don't typically use one in this room.
- Use a room divider or folding screen to create a private zone if the room has open sightlines.
- Install an over-the-door organizer so guests can hang personal items without digging into your everyday setup.

SLEEP THAT FEELS deliciously plush

The bed must deliver comfort. This is the element guests will remember most!!

Here's how to ensure comfort:

- Keep an extra throw at the foot of the bed so guests can adjust for warmth without asking.
- Upgrade an air mattress or sleeper sofa with a memory foam topper and high-quality cotton or linen sheets.

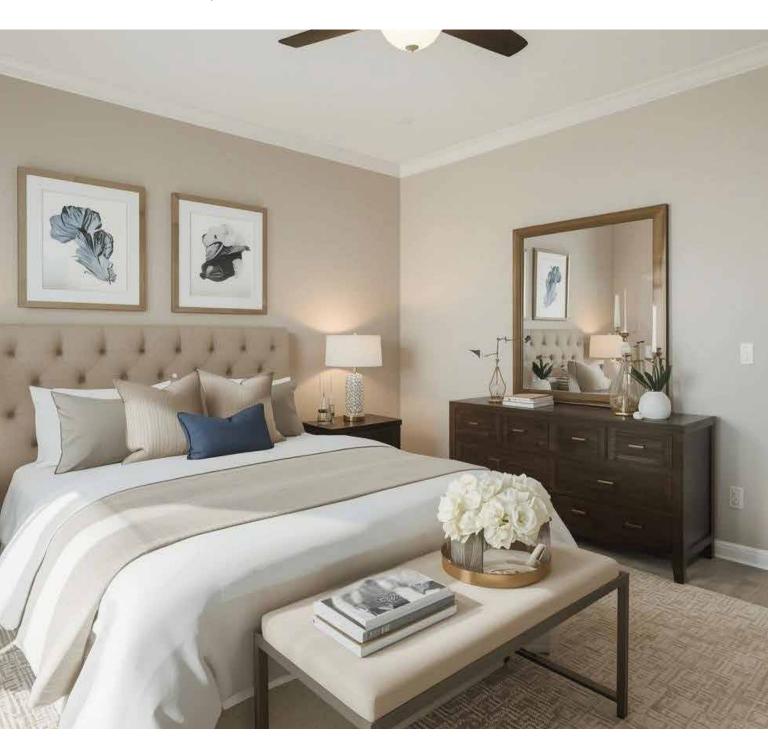


CLEAR surfaces

Flex rooms tend to collect clutter. Before guests arrive, though, surfaces must be cleared to give guests the feeling that the space is theirs to spread out in.

Here's where to set your benchmark:

- Clear at least one surface entirely.
- Add a small tray to corral items neatly.
- Store your everyday items in a decorative box or bin if you don't have somewhere outside the room to store them.







A TOUCH OF hospitality...

Small gestures signal that your guests were expected, not squeezed into an "overflow room."

Here are some special touches to consider:

- A handwritten note placed on the pillow
- A short stack of books relevant to their interests
- A tiny dish filled with individually wrapped mints or chocolates
- A compact sound machine for those sensitive to unfamiliar household noises
- A printed card with the Wi-Fi network and password in a small frame
- A sleep mask and soft pair of earplugs in a decorative pouch
- A basket of travel-size toiletries
- A multi-port charging station
- A treat from a local maker



SEASONAL DESIGN BOARDS

WINTER'S MOST beautiful MOMENTS...

Peruse these design boards where I've collected my favorite finds for the season...each features artisans, craftspeople, and luxury vendors whose work I trust in clients' homes year after year. These collections are a celebration of everything we crave during the holidays and the quiet months that follow.







WINTER 2026 *Design* BOARD











High Point MARKET

WHAT I SAW, WHAT I LOVED, AND WHAT MATTERS FOR YOUR HOME...



At the end of October, I made my regular trip to Fall High Point Market in Noth Carolina. This is the largest market of home furnishings in the WORLD, and its' where trends are born.

...And sometimes, it's where trends are refined, translated, and rejected.

I spent days exploring showrooms. I enjoyed reconnecting with the manufacturers I trust and I loved discovering the new ones who surprised me in the best ways. And while there are some aesthetic trends I'm not a fan of that I saw, the functionality trends genuinely excited me this year.

Bar carts, for example, have developed into an art form. I saw options that were sculptural and incredibly crafted...and, most importantly, they're more versatile than ever.

I also loved the surge of dedicated game tables!! Manufacturers are treating them as purposeful pieces instead of an afterthought, offering new imaginings of this nostalgic piece.

Trends that are more than beautiful—that make your life better—are where my eyes are focused for next year! Here are some of my favorite pieces I saw...



Bar carts are using mixed materials just like all other furniture these days...so you'll find LOTS of exquisite selections with custom metal detailing, which I love!!

Bar carts are practical when you wheel out the drinks, but they're also an expression of your style. Think about the "look" of the bar cart itself, plus what you put on it!!









Bar carts can change room, and they can change purpose. If you leave one in the guest room...people who stay with you might use it for travel stuff, or their bath products, or who knows what else!

Bar carts can be a SUPER practical addition for those flex rooms I talked about earlier, too...need better lighting in a guest room but don't have a permanent place to set the lamp? Wheel in a stylish bar cart!!





Yes...game tables!! You'll see this nostalgic addition sporting some nostalgic (traditional) design features, too...

Game tables are being seen with four seats and exactly the right amount of elbow room each person needs...which means they're great for MANY different games. Not into the Mahjong fad? Then use these for another four-person card game.



The custom finishes on these game tables make them absolutely perfect for card shuffling and small moving pieces...you should have been there to touch that suede-y surface, it was perfect!!

Game tables invite a little fun décor around them, too. These post-modern chairs would look good with any bright, colorful art.

HOW 2026 INTERIOR TRENDS WALKED THE RUNWAY FIRST...

WHERE fashion MEETS furnishings

If you've spent ANY time with me on a jobsite or in a showroom (or even in line for coffee), you already know that I adore fashion.

That comes from a long history...
I've always loved to express
myself through fashion, but after
surviving breast cancer, I also
had a huge change of priorities:
whatever I do with my life, I want
to enjoy it. I want to express
my passions and tastes
unapologetically. I want to live
my best, every day, and

that starts with how I present myself in the clothes I wear.

And, of course, interior design trends debut on the runway before they appear in our homes, so I have a professional curiosity about fashion, too!!

This year's fashion cycle was ESPECIALLY revealing, and its influenced every single one of my predictions for the 2026 interior design trends. Let me walk you through the connections...

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SCULPTURAL WITH SOFT EDGES



by Vintage Havan

Runways have been FILLED this year with structured forms softened by curves. That precise tailoring paired with draping...architectural silhouettes balanced with supple movement.

What this means for 2026 interiors:

Furniture will continue to embrace sculptural forms, too, but with gentler transitions like rounded edges and organic shapes.

SATURATED NEUTRALS



by Celia B

Fashion embraced rich monochromes in 2025, like coffee, camel, slate...and those saturated neutrals were even layered for depth, but due to their neutrality, they were never "loud."

What this means for 2026 interiors:

There are loads of saturated neutrals rolling in as "colors of the year," but I predict they'll be layered. This will help leave room for personality, and thank goodness, because otherwise lotherwise, I would be heartbroken about the lack of color interest!!



TEXTURES THAT WANT TO BE TOUCHED

The fabrics moving down the runway leaned into tactile indulgence this year! Velvet suiting really wowed me...not to mention the brushed wools and textural knits.

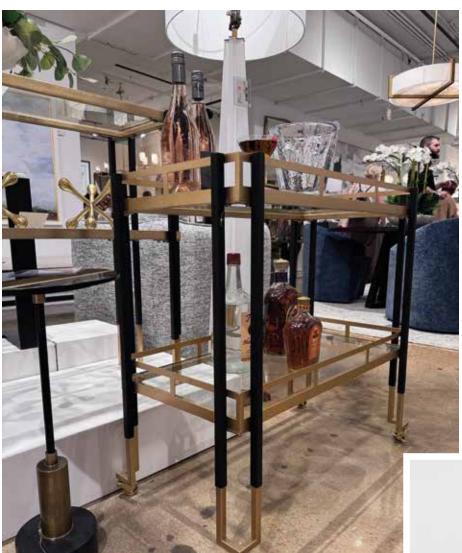
What this means for 2026 interiors:

Textural upholstery has been big for a few years, but in 2026, soft-touch materials will reign. Performance velvet will be everywhere, plus brushed finishes. I even saw an ottoman at HPMKT in October where a hide was applied inside out to keep the soft inside where you can see and feel it!!



by Celia B

METALLIC ACCENTS USED LIKE JEWELLERY



by Emily McCarthy

Clothing designers showcased some beautiful metallic details in fashion recently, like sculptural fasteners and unexpected shine woven into garments.

What this means for 2026 interiors:

There have been mixed metals in interiors for a few years, and even more materials are coming in and pushing metals to the side...but not out of the picture. Instead, metal detailing will be used as adornments, punctuating furniture design with intentional sparkle.



ADDING MIXED ERAS TO MIXED MATERIALS



by Queen of Sparkles



Fashion giants blended unexpected elements this year, like leather with chiffon!! Can you imagine?! They did more than mix materials, too...they also mixed eras. There's plenty of '90s-inspired fashion walking down the street, but in the same outfit, you might catch '40s accessories and '60s make-up.

What this means for 2026 interiors:

Furniture is mixing the '80s and '90s-inspired Grandmillennial look with other traditional furniture trends from as far back as the Art Deco days. We'll see more of this in 2026!!

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The team was professional, friendly, and made sure everything was done right. I'm so happy with the final result—my outdoor space looks amazing. Highly recommend!

> - Michelle H. in Euless, Texas

From office personnel to workers everyone was easy to talk with and understand. I will be using them in future for more projects and would give them a strong positive recommendation to anyone who asked.

> - Frank F. in North Richland Hills, Texas

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> - Brenda L. in Euless, Texas

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