

8 Trends in Home Improvement for 2021

Spring is around the corner, and you may be making plans to improve your home. Whether you're looking to completely renovate a bathroom or kitchen, add an office or switch out your lighting fixtures, you are gearing up for something new and fresh. If you need inspiration, here are a few trends for this year.

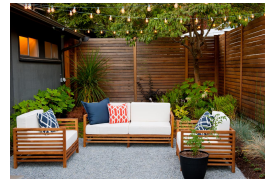


The Kitchen

Kitchens are usually on the top of the list when it comes to renovations. Who doesn't want a new kitchen? According to the National Kitchen and Bath Association, the kitchen has become a multitasking room more than ever – especially last year. We eat, play, gather, work, and spend a lot of extra time in the kitchen. What's in? Large island hubs and gas and induction cooking.

Outdoor Spaces

When we couldn't go on vacation, we all settled for the next best thing – our own outdoor spaces. Outdoor design and architect firms have reported a big demand for their services last year. But improving outdoor spaces doesn't have to be expensive. What's in? Pergolas, enclosed porches, and comfortable patio furniture – even if you just upgrade your old ones.

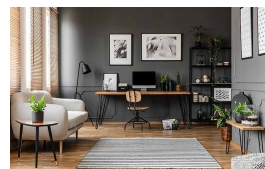


Bathroom

Most of us enjoy visiting a hotel and feeling pampered in its modernly equipped bathrooms. What's in? Large, freestanding showers with zero-clearance entry and linear drains.

Home Offices

Work may never be the same again as many Americans will continue working from their home offices. Having a room dedicated as an office is a big bonus according to Zillow. However, not everyone has the space. What's in? Changing a guest bedroom, corner of the house or basement into an office.



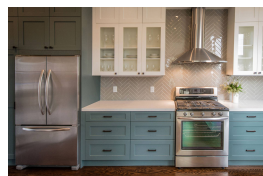


Closed Floor Plans

Gone are the days when the large, open plans are highly desired. Many families are finding out that open floor plans may not be for them anymore. Why? With so many working and doing school at home, the desire for privacy is needed at times. In fact, people are building rooms for video conferencing in their homes – called “Zoom Rooms”. Realtor.com predicts this type of space will persist beyond the pandemic.

Cabinets

The Two-tone cabinets have become more popular over the last year and the trend will continue into this year. This is an inexpensive upgrade! Paint your overhead cabinets white and your lower cabinets in a bold color such as a deep blue or green.

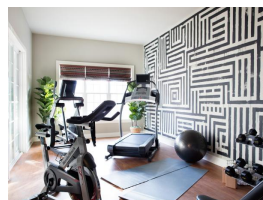


Changing Your Laundry Rooms

We may have spent too much time doing laundry and noticed we need a different look! Houzz, a website that focuses on interior design, say a trend now is laundry rooms designed in fun, bright colors and patterns.

Exercise Rooms

Unable to get to the gym, Americans invested money into making their own gyms and will continue to do so in 2021. Sales of fitness equipment grew by 170 percent during the coronavirus lockdown according to Business Wire. Creating a space dedicated to fitness is a big trend this year and into the future.



*The National Kitchen and Bath Association’s 2021 Design Trends Research report

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