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design, modern kitchens have steadily evolved into spaces that are equipped to service fast-paced lives. "Stainless-steel countertops, surfaces and appliances offset by warm wood finished cabinets and tiled backsplashes will find room in kitchens, this year,"

explains Amit Khanna from Amit Khanna Design Associates (AKDA). Modular and open kitchens that sport engaging features will continue to be popular, as will be the focus on storage and maximising of space. "Statement floors offer a more

dramatic solution than a bold eye-level backsplash. You can choose from a blend of patterns that come in both, bright and neutral colour palettes," adds Bhavsar. So don't hold back and give your home a stylish makeover this year.

COVER STORY

LIVING ON-TREND

New trends in design and colour set the tone for what to expect in home décor this year. Here's a look at the latest styles that will dominate interior design mood boards in 2017

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Are you looking for some ideas to update your home? Well, these design tips from industry experts will set you off on the right path, while ensuring you stay on-trend.

LIVING THE DREAM

When it comes to your home, lay extra emphasis on your living area—the focal point of dining and entertainment—ensuring that you give it a quick update to create a space that's both, stylish and inviting. Take your cue from Pantone's refreshing colour of the year—Greenery—to energise your space with one-of-a-kind accents. For a bolder look, explore jewel-toned furniture, another popular trend that's set to flourish this year.

"While pastel shades are having their moment in the spotlight, they will soon be overshadowed by jewel-toned furniture inspired by precious stones, metals, the night sky and outer space. With green tones and environmental sustainability making their way into décor trends in a big way, it only makes sense to apply colours such as emerald green, sapphire blue, and amethyst purple to reflect this nature-inspired theme," elucidate Disha Bhavsar and Shivani Ajmera, interior designers

at Quirk Studio. Juxtapose plush velvets in these striking hues with greys, blacks and whites to lend an air of sophistication. Also, keep your eyes peeled for darker hues that promise a bold impact. "Incorporate darker shades like navy blue and military green and balance them out with lighter-coloured cushions to deliver a modern-chic touch," elucidates Shobhna and Kunal Mehta, founders, Kanchi Designs.

GO TO BED

Most home-dwellers are keen to create a bedroom that serves as a sanctuary—equal parts soothing and luxurious—in their home. As such, upholstered headboards that introduce a feeling of extravagance will be a noteworthy trend to look out for. "Whether you opt for a classic chesterfield style with buttons in a muted tone or a plush velvet one in a bold hue, these headboards come in a variety of styles and instantly add richness and grandeur to a space," adds Bhavsar. Another trend that will gain prominence is the use of a majestic bed that draws the eye to it. "Magnificent beds can elevate a room while linen and soft textured cotton blankets and throws add a sense of much-needed indulgence," adds the Mehta duo. Precisely planned mood lighting draws focus and brings a bedroom to life, as Amrita Guha and Joya

Nandurdikar, Principal Architects, Untitled Design, add, "Bedrooms will have one or more focal points, ranging from ceiling lights to

bedside lamps, that suit every mood. Juxtapose the lights against a neutral palette with barely a hint of colour by way of furnishings."

THE BATHROOM GUIDE

The bathroom, too, will have its moment of glory. Evolving from a mere function-oriented space into a larger, luxurious one, bathrooms today have become the ultimate statement in individualistic style. "Bathrooms are becoming a central point with a focus on high quality and functional amenities that are visually striking, easy to maintain, hygienic, and demonstrative of individual design preferences," opines Carlotta Pedrazzini, Brand Strategy Manager, Sternhagen.

KITCHEN CAPERS

While a kitchen traditionally offers the least scope for experimentation in terms of

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