

With the new year and a new decade fast approaching, it is the perfect time to start looking at upcoming interior trends for 2020. Stay ahead of the styling curve and update your home thanks to a sneaky insight into new interior trends with Director and Principal Stylist at Vault Interiors, Justine Wilson. Justine says, "2020 is not like any other year, it represents the transition into a new decade and the beginning of a completely new interior landscape and some new emerging trends with the ever-evolving rise of technology, changes in human behavioural patterns in the home, and an unlimited range of options available to us. Everyone wants to be ahead of trends, especially when it comes to styling and entertaining." Justine's top 5 trends and predictions for interior styling in 2020 include:

Byron Boho Justine has coined this phrase based on an interiors movement that has been growing in popularity especially with regards to fashion Instagram influencers who all seem to live the idyllic life in Byron Bay. The look combines a pared back boho feel (signified by travertine coffee tables and dining tables) with crisp white linen armchairs and sofas (usually with a slipcover). The trend also includes large sisal rugs, rattan sideboards and media units and decorated lots of dried floral like palm fronds and orchids. The colour palette is very relaxed and washed out like the coastal environment. For furniture, think soft oaks and painted walls in cream and white. Introduce a few washed linen terracotta and olive cushion accents and a potted olive tree in a large rustic stone pot – the perfect accessory for this look.

Organic Spaces Expected to be a big trend in outdoor spaces for 2020, organic spaces include sunken outdoor lounge pits made of concrete, rendered or sand bagged walls, and large handmade tiles either plain or with a subtle pattern. Instead of stand-alone furniture areas, people will opt for furniture built into the landscape or designed to be an extension of the building, such as large outdoor bench seats, round concrete tables and outdoor kitchens made from earthy rustic-looking rendered walls. The organic spaces trend is Mediterranean in origin, so if you have been to the Greek islands or seen pictures, those iconic rounded shapes will give you an idea of the overall look. It's the perfect look for an alfresco space, giving a luxe resort style feel to your garden.

Australiana Hues Cushions, art and accessories will lean towards an Australiana palette in 2020. We will see colours from the bush, the red desert and the coast. Rusty and earthy tones like orange, red, terracotta, mustard and brown will be popular along with the more coastal tones such as deep-sea green, olive, emerald and navy. Popular fabrics will include velvet, linen and woollen fabrics, texture as much as tone. People are gravitating to more unique and local handmade items like pottery and ceramics when it comes to accessories, which sees a shift from the coloured glass and metallics finishes that have been on trend the last few years. Pair a handmade vase with simple floral such as twigs, an overscale bunch or greenery for a table centrepiece. Source handmade crockery and a linen table runner to create the look.

Wall Art Wallpaper has been overlooked the last few years after it enjoyed a resurgence in the early 2000s, however, I think large overscale floral prints, Aztec designs and geometric shape designs will be back on trend in 2020. Instead of a feature wall, full rooms are now being done to create a real impactful visual feature – even the ceilings! For a more glam or traditional property, install wooden wainscoting or dado rails painted in rich colours, paired with busy bold wallpaper on top. For more modern homes, grass cloth wallpaper in deep colours will continue to be on trend.

Sustainable Styling 2019 was a big year for all things eco – but 2020 is going to be even bigger. While the emergence of this trend might seem sudden, the interest in going green has been gaining traction for a few years now. Reducing carbon footprint, the materials and products we use in our spaces in is becoming increasingly important. In 2020, more Australians are going to be looking at ways to reduce their energy consumption, such as installing quality windows with good insulation, and reduce waste by placing emphasis on products that can be re-purposed or reused. Calling all vintage pieces! Green homes tend to be happy homes! Often these measures encourage a better environment for their occupants too. If you think about it this way, knowing what materials, designs, and furnishings to use becomes easier. www.vaultinteriors.com.au

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