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## Interior Design: *Re-Inventing Your Style*

National Home Remodeling Month in May is about re-inventing your style and space. The best homes are always a warm reflection of the people who live there. The key ingredient to style is inside you. Let's explore some areas to consider when *re-inventing your style*.

### Professional Interior Designers

A professional interior designer can be helpful in discovering what your personal style truly is, making or confirming selections, or managing your entire interior design project. These professionals can help you with establishing a vision, budget, and time frame for your project. They can also help you avoid some costly design choices and learn about what trends are coming . . . and going.

### Defining Your Personal Style

Use online resources, magazines, vacation spots or television shows to help you determine your likes and dislikes. Note that television programs do create the illusion that projects can be completed quickly, but in reality may be complex requiring a professional contractor, entail a great deal of planning, and vary in cost depending on the vision of the project.

### Designer Secrets to Decorating Your Home In Style

- Think about your home from the inside out.
- Create a Theme, Mood, and Style.
- Make sure the floor plans fit your *Personal Style, Life Style, & budget!*
- Allow for furniture & accents as part of your overall building expenditure.
- Designate focal point pieces.
- Create a by-room "Style File".
- Create 'Holistic' Color Theme for whole house.

### Latest Trends

The latest trends highlight color palettes, design approaches, products, and styles that are becoming popular. See below for a variety of items that are popular.

#### ***Style***

- Gray is the new beige with consumers gravitating toward warm or cool gray color schemes.
- Keep design consistency throughout the home – this is even more important with blending remodeled and non-remodeled spaces.
- Design for function . . . try to get the best use out of a space.
- Modern design trends feature cleaner lines and less cluttered looks; Industrial Chic uses metal features such as window frames and cabinets; or accenting with bright floral patterns and bold colors with items that are interchangeable in the home. Restored Furniture, utilizing and repurposing items like barn boards, shipping pallets or railroad ties to decorate.
- Be more adventurous in design preferences, seeking options outside of the current trends regardless the impact on resale.
- Integrate global trends with the help of design shows and Houzz.com to consider styles from around the world.

#### ***Countertops***

- Granite is still preferred
- Quartz and Corian are gaining interest.
- Glass and marble countertop options are also showing some increased interest.

### **Flooring**

- Carpet is still the number one choice for bedrooms and lower level rec rooms.
- Patterned carpet (cut & loop) is becoming popular, especially on stairs and master bedrooms.
- Tile is making a coming back, specifically Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT).
- Pre-finished wide plank engineered hardwood floors

### **Window Treatments**

- Shades are featuring textures, large-scale patterns, and minimal/simplistic aesthetic.
- Draperies and soft treatments are featuring stationary side panels with "rustic" hardware and simple top-treatments
- Seeing a movement away from heavy, formal treatments.
- Styles are gravitating toward treatments that simply showcase the windows.

### **Bathroom**

- White color pallet with varying textures
- Luxury closets with free standing storage
- Showers are replacing the whirlpool tubs, multiple shower heads in showers, and hands free and smart technology faucets.
- LED is popular in general and night lighting applications.
- Custom tile showers with designs of mosaics, and benches and niches in lieu of seats and shelves.
- High-definition large-bodied porcelain tile and marble is popular in bathroom applications.
- Some Universal Design trends are entering the mainstream with features such as low or curb-less shower entry, grab bars that look like towel bars, comfort height toilets, no tub masters, and hand-held showers.

### **Kitchens**

- Cabinets | Gray and glossy, gray-cool tones, less grained woods, painted, and very minimalistic (shaker or slab doors). Frameless cabinets that provide cleaner lines and better access.
- Furniture Islands | White perimeter cabinets with a dark wood island or dark perimeter cabinets with a lighter wood island
- Countertops | Countertops with thick edges
- Back-Splashes | Glass back-splashes or back splashes with a focal point such as a mosaic
- Fixtures | Pull-down shiny chrome faucets
- Lighting | LED lighting
- Flooring | Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) becoming more popular, blending floor types, and contrasting colors or shades of wood
- Appliances | Ovens with convection and appliance drawers.

### **Multi-Purpose Spaces**

Create rooms that could serve multiple applications, such as a dining room with a built-in book cases and window seat to act as a little reading room or library.



**Choosing the Right Contractor** It is essential to choose the right contractor to remodel or improve your home. Hiring a professional contractor means that they have the proper credentials & insurance, background, and knowledge to finish your project professionally. Under no circumstances should a consumer pull a permit from a local government. This puts the sole risk and liability on the consumer. Visit [www.midshoreshomebuilders.com/consumers.asp](http://www.midshoreshomebuilders.com/consumers.asp) for a [Checklist to Finding and Hiring a Builder or Remodeler](#).