



SEASONAL INTERIOR TRENDS FOR SS19

INCLUDE STATEMENT PIECES, BRIGHT COLOURS AND BESPOKE TOUCHES.

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As explained by Jen, "We visit the international interior design shows throughout the year, every year, to meet new suppliers from around the world and to keep an eye on trends." "One of the most influential design shows is Maison & Objet which is held in Paris in January and September. Maison is always exciting, fun, a real feast for anyone involved in design." When asked how to add trends into our own space, Jen's top tip is to "Have a look around your home first. Maybe things just need to be rearranged to change the accent. Surround yourself with things you love and you can't go wrong. If you like your current interior scheme, it's simple to give it a refresh by including a nod to new trends. Maybe a change of cushions to provide new colour, pattern or texture, or you could add a rug or plants."

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Bernard Interiors have an approach which focuses on achieving their client's vision whilst using impeccable attention to detail. Plus, inspiration is gathered from the history of a property, location surroundings and current design trends. To get a feel for current trends and the inspiration behind their own design style, Jen shares a recent project Bernard Interiors have worked on. Within this venture, the client's love of fashion and travel were blended in with the practicalities of busy family life, ensuring a bespoke and much-loved home. A listed building located in Glasgow's sought-after Park District, the property has beautiful views across Kelvingrove Park and the city. Combined with a 9,700 square foot floor area spread across five storeys, this structure was set to be a grand and exciting renovation from the start. As the majestic Victorian town house's original period features were expertly restored, the property's personality came to life. Having been derelict for over five years, its most recent use was as office space. Working alongside a developer for three years, planning permission was granted to convert the beautiful building back to residential use. The layout was then carefully reconfigured and renovation requiring specialist craftsmen began. Bespoke joinery was used throughout, for example for the fitting of new



walnut doors. To add a truly breath-taking element, a lift originally installed in the 1920s was fully refurbished also. Additionally, large statement features include: antiqued mirror panels from floor to ceiling in the hall, and a show-stopping 12 metre chandelier in the stairwell.

This magnificent chandelier was commissioned from a light designer in London, and boasts thousands of smoked Swarovski crystals, all individually applied on site by hand, using scaffolding.

Shades of mustard, coral and baby-blue are featured within the open plan living space, whilst Slim Aarons photography exudes glamour in the snug. Bespoke banana leaf vinyl wallpaper in the laundry room, ensures every inch of this project is chic, stylish and functional.

Finally, the piece de resistance is the dressing room of the master suite. Showcasing a crystal chandelier, large coral velvet stool, leopard print chair and shagreen leather upholstered wardrobes, with chic bone handles. In the bathroom, shades of peach and gold complement a bespoke mirrored cabinet complete with crystal handles.

An award-winning project, the results are luxurious, striking and decadent. There was a significant investment undertaken for excellent quality and highly skilled craftsmanship, and this shines through.

Jen notes, "Although several current trends can be seen in this residence the underlying design is timeless. The high quality of the



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new features and fittings matches the restored historic features. There's a harmonious mix of styles which makes for a comfortable and characterful space where our client can relax and entertain." An extremely stylish project combining trends, functionality and personal taste, as well as classic chic, key themes within this Bernard Interiors renovation can be used to illustrate upcoming design inspiration.

JEN FINISHES BY EXPLAINING HOW TO CREATE THE TOP TRENDS OF SS19 AND ADD A STYLISH LIFT TO YOUR OWN INTERIOR SPACE THIS SEASON:

- MAKE A STATEMENT - OVERSIZED LAMPS, NEON AND GRAPHIC ARTWORK. ECLECTIC MIXES OF BOLD PATTERNS AND VIVID COLOURS. MAXIMALISM IS IN, SO 'MORE IS MORE'
- MUSTARD AND ORANGE - PAIRED WITH CALM, CRISP FABRICS OR PERHAPS CLASSIC WALNUT. PANTONE'S COLOUR OF THE YEAR IS LIVING CORAL, A SOFT WARM TONE, VERY ON-TREND.
- STONE - FROM NATURAL PIECES TO PROGRESSIVE REPLICA MATERIALS, A CLASSIC DESIGN STATEMENT REINVENTED.
- BESPOKE - MAKE IT YOUR OWN. CHOOSE COLOUR, STYLE AND TEXTURE TO CREATE ONE-OFF PIECES.