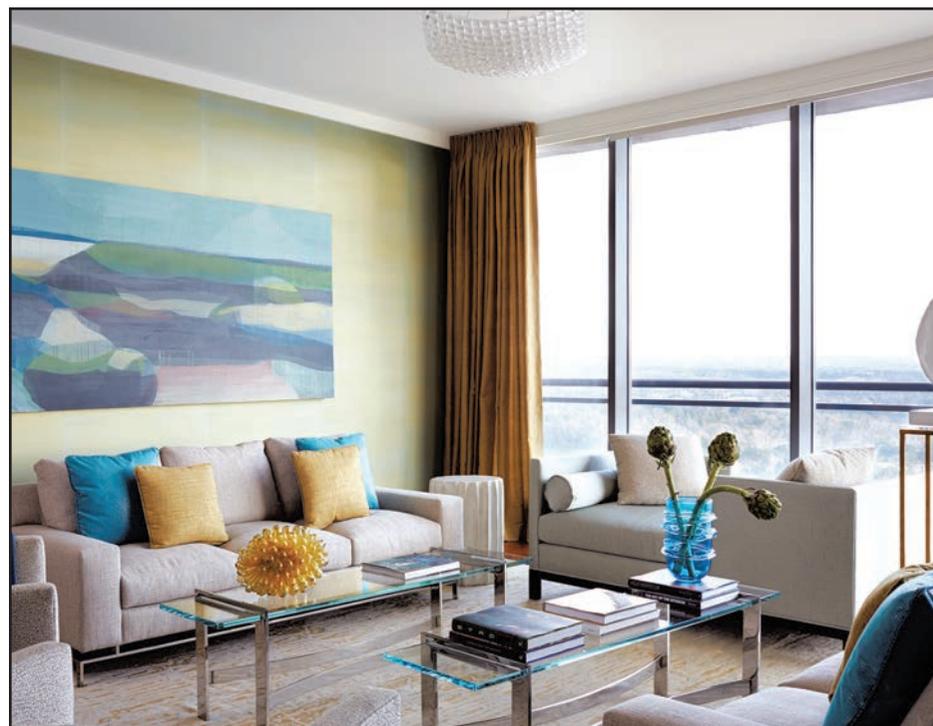


Gold and silver are always winners.



A jewel tone and spring green have this room ready for the season.

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Bright and Bold Is This Season's Trend

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BOSTON'S CHILLY weather cannot put a damper on the season's bold interior trends. Jewel tones are front and center, inspiring palettes and leading the charge in all forms of embellishment from furniture to accessories.

We likely have Pantone's color of the year "Greenery," a yellow-green that "evokes the first days of spring when nature's greens revive, restore and renew," to thank for this bright trend. Yet spring green is not alone, and a rainbow of gem tones points to all things tropical in color, pattern and plants.

However, you are not alone if "Greenery" feels like a tricky choice for your interior space. Many are turning to plants and silk flowers – which have found their place alongside the real thing – to dress an overlooked corner with oversized greenery, allowing you to decide whether your plants need water.

In line with green trends, we see patterns of high-voltage foliage in pillows and accessories from London-based textile designer Alexandra Foster. They give a room an instant zing. What says jungle exuberance more than Clarke & Clarke's dazzling fabric appropriately

named "Monkey Business?"

We are in the midst of a long-lasting love for gold and silver in furnishings and accessories. Whether woven into luscious Chanel-inspired bouclé fabrics or trimming furnishings from ottomans to occasional tables, metallic accents are here to stay.

But with these bright and bold statements front and center, we also crave a soothing foundation such as the "new neutral" blush, which serves as a nice departure from the current charcoals and grays of the season. This decidedly non-pink blush adds a glow to the jewel tones and metallic finishes that give your room an edge.

With a favorable nod to blush, we are embracing many of this season's pastels — think Easter eggs — as the top trend choices for walls, floor coverings, curtains and bedding.

Innovation in not only decorations, but also in furniture, is also on-trend. Custom-designed furniture, such as a bedside table/bookcase, can be useful as well as timeless.

Finally, we're seeing a return to classics in antiques, with renewed interest in 18th- and 19th-century Grand Tour objects, like marble columns and custom-framed sculpture fragments. These features complement interiors alongside architectural prints, photographs and larger scale sculptures. Smaller collectibles can complete a tabletop or bookshelf. This neoclassical style, which gave birth to the chaise lounge, also lends itself to outdoor settings.

This spring's weather may be uncertain, but interior design can expect distinct attitude with bold florals, extravagant color, metallic touches and historical objects that are always in style in Boston.

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