



# DESIGN TRENDS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2018

*Your space defines you, and sometimes, even your mood. What you choose to fill it up with, or what little details you add, should best represent who you are.*

**CURATING** or designing a corner, a room, or even a house has all sorts of challenges, but also so many opportunities to be creative. I'm not always much of a trend follower (which means sometimes I'm "in" and other times I'm "out"), but with a new year and a new moon, it seems a better a time than any to look out for what interior gurus will be instagramming this year. Here's a list of some top trends to look out for in 2018 if you're thinking of re-doing your space, adding to it, or simply starting out from scratch.

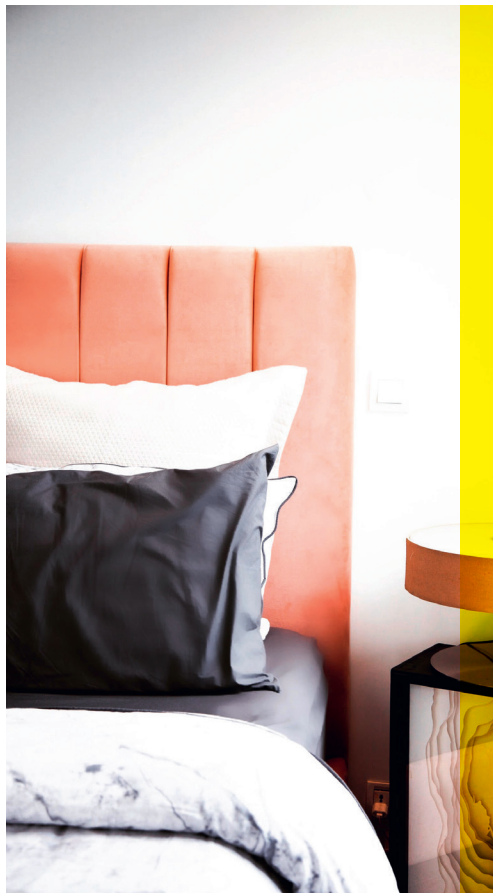
## FLOWER POWER

Florals are coming back in a big way. 2018 will see a trend towards bright and oversized floral prints in vivacious colors. Think lots of colours that pop, like rusty red, apple green, bright plum, and turquoise. Give that old comfy couch a makeover and go floral; add in a corner of lovely clustered white planters and you have a whole new space.



## Simpler, More Modern Bedrooms

Out goes last years trend of bold and dark colours, such as black and navy, in bedrooms — this year is all about keeping it simple and lighter. We see a trend towards more serene, minimalist bedrooms with functional pieces. Greys, lighter greens, brown, and lighter earth tones in delicate fabrics is what we see ourselves working with this year.



## Millennial Pink

There are not enough people loving pink these days. But this year isn't just about any pink, its all about this beautiful pastel hue called Millennial Pink — think pink from Wes Anderson's The Grand Budapest Hotel or flip open your phone to see this trending color on Instagram these days. This pale and warm colour is extremely versatile and can work with neutral, warm or dark shades. A personal favourite is this headboard we designed for a master bedroom.

**Metallics: The Bolder  
The Better**

Brass continues to be the metallic of the moment and will continue on in this year to be all the rage. The perfect golden hue with its retro chic charm –its just so pleasing! Accent chairs and sofas, or simply indulge in a brass cocktail table to add that extra oompfh.



**Dark Kitchens**

When it came to kitchens, white became overkill and slowly colors started to show up in to our cooking counters, the cabinetry and through the tiles. However, this year there will be a huge swing towards darker kitchen spaces, think dark grey, black, and navy accented by elements of dark wood or light colored granite.



**Ultra Violet**

PANTONE® Colour of the Year 2018, Ultra Violet (PANTONE 18-3838), is just the provocative and fun color we need for our living spaces. Whether you add this pop of color by simply draping a throw of the colour on your sofa, or you choose to accent a room with a velvet wingchair in this shade — it will leave a lasting impact and add instant spunk to your room.



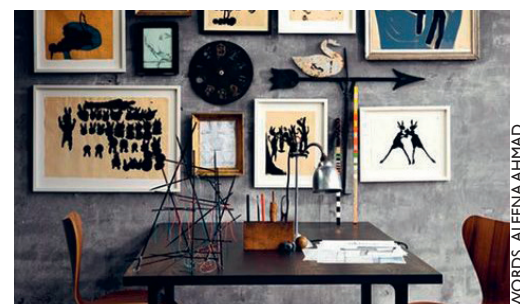
**Bowling It**

It's all about the bowls it seems. It's become our go to for meals or snacks and for me, it's my go-to décor accessory. From sleek brass ones, to lapis and copper, to quaint hand painted bowls — they seem to accent both furniture and food. Put one a top a stack of books, or simply use one by your bedside for your jewellery.



**Wall Art  
(Preferably Bzig Wall Art)**

In recent times, Pinterest and Etsy saw a massive hike in the number of users and decorators searching for wall art (pins for “wall art” were up 637% in 2017). This doesn't come as a surprise I feel that a space only starts to feel personal when its walls are not bare. Modern or classic, maximalist or miniature, prints or photographs — there is just so much one can do with wall art. This is also one of the easiest ways to transform a space and enhance the design of the room. Lucky for us, we have a plethora of great art to choose from in Pakistan!



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