

Design Trends



Richard Spivey:
'With smaller apartments and houses, people are getting away from the cluttered look.'

Jaye Skaggs:

'High tech will be short-lived for residences, as it has a commercial, utilitarian look.'



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Design trends, whether they be color schemes, fabrics, textures or just a certain mood, can come and go as quickly as the tide these days. And although few interior designers fashion their work around the passing fads, true design trends nevertheless have quite an influence on the way we live.

The editors of *Dallas-Ft. Worth Home/Garden* were curious about what trends the professionals in the business are glad to see going and what trends they are glad to see coming in, and so we asked eight well-known local authorities. Their thoughts may prompt you to update your own interiors, by adding or deleting.

Jaye Skaggs, Jaye Skaggs Design, Ft. Worth:

"For the past six years we've been in a trend of clutter. Now we're out of the clutter and into the trend of simplicity. I'm glad to see clutter gone because now we can see design for the first time and really appreciate it."

Richard Spivey, Richard Spivey and Associates, Dallas:

"I see a move away from a cluttered look more toward the clean lines of contemporary. I just like that look.

"I think that instead of a big picture gallery, people are selecting fewer, but more important pic-

es. This is good because it will make everyone more selective in what they buy."

Joseph Minton, Minton-Corley Interior Design, Ft. Worth:

"I suppose a trend I see going out is the over-decorated look that is too obvious — too pat. It becomes boring and tiresome.

"I do see a trend for really good quality. This was always with us, but more and more people are realizing the lasting value and economy in the long run. Real leather, for example, improves and softens with age and wear. Vinyl does not."

Linda Hardy, The Myna Bird, Dallas:

"The trendy type of furniture of the '70s — the over-exaggerated sizes, odd shapes and whimsical pieces — are giving way to furniture that is classical and I am glad because this can be enjoyed for years to come. I feel that most of the spaces in homes can't accommodate fad furniture and that such a piece tends to go out of fashion quickly.

"I think fabrics and wallcoverings are turning back to the natural fibers such as cotton, wool and silk. These fibers tend to dye better than synthetics and are a lot stronger. They will wear better and last longer, too."

Leslie Bell, salesperson, Baker Knapp and Tubbs, Dallas:

"The trends I'm glad to see go are the perfectly matched sets of dining

WHAT'S COMING AND GOING

Joseph Minton:

'I see a trend for really good quality. More people are realizing the lasting value and economy (in buying fine things).'



Linda Hardy:

'The new hand-painted fabrics enable people to create one-of-a-kind furnishings and window treatments.'

