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The Top Interior-Design Trends for 2021

We asked 200 design pros which trends feel fresh vs. finished. They forecast a hunger for hushed, murky rooms and hardware-less cupboards—and a quick fade for farmhouse white and open kitchen shelving.



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IN: Dusky Rooms

Design pros are noting a shift to darker, moodier spaces, like this emerald-enveloped bar at right, by Atlanta designer Melanie Turner and found in her coming book “Inviting Interiors: A Fresh Take on Beautiful Rooms” (Rizzoli, 2021). Ms. Kelly noted that in kitchens, warm woods are being mixed with deep green or blue paint. Mr. Jeffers predicts those colors, plus dark gray, will also surface in bedrooms: “Deep tones evoke calm and make the perfect sleeping atmosphere.” Andrea Goldman’s team, in Chicago, creates at least one cozy, relaxing space per project: “We start with wall color, using darker jewel hues.”