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## HOUSING STYLE TRENDS TOP HOME DÉCOR STYLES FOR 2025

**MARGARET PRESCOTT** - Home décor styles for 2025 are a mix of sustainability, functionality, and individuality. With a growing focus on creating personalized, comfortable, and eco-friendly spaces, homeowners are finding innovative ways to blend modern aesthetics with timeless design. Whether you're refreshing a single room or redecorating an entire home, these styles are sure

to inspire.

### 1. SUSTAINABLE AND ECO-FRIENDLY MATERIALS

Sustainability remains a cornerstone of modern design in 2025. Homeowners are embracing materials like bamboo, cork, recycled glass, and reclaimed wood. These options not only add a touch of nature to interiors but also reduce environmental im-

pact. Furniture crafted from up-cycled or vintage pieces is gaining popularity, reflecting a broader cultural shift toward conscious consumption.

### 2. WARM AND EARTHY TONES

Neutral color palettes dominated in recent years, but 2025 is all about warmth. Think terracotta, rust, olive green, and mustard yellow. These hues bring a cozy

and inviting atmosphere to any home. Pair them with natural textures like rattan, linen, and wool to create depth and comfort.

### 3. MAXIMALISM WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH

Minimalism takes a backseat in 2025 as maximalism gains traction. This style celebrates bold colors, layered patterns, and a curated mix of old and new. The em-

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phasis is on showcasing individuality, with spaces telling stories through their décor. From gallery walls filled with personal art to... heirloom furniture, homeowners are finding ways to make their spaces uniquely theirs.

#### 4. SMART AND MULTIFUNCTIONAL FURNITURE

With more people working and spending time at home, functionality is a top priority. Smart furniture, such as coffee tables with built-in charging stations or beds with under-storage, is in high demand. Multifunctional pieces make the most of limited spaces, blending seamlessly with contemporary aesthetics.

#### 5. BIOPHILIC DESIGN

Biophilic design continues to influence home interiors by emphasizing a connection to nature. Large windows, indoor gardens, and water features bring the outdoors in, creating serene and rejuvenating environments. Biophilic elements help

improve mental well-being, making them a staple in 2025 décor.

#### 6. TEXTURAL DIVERSITY

Texture takes center stage in 2025, adding richness and dimension to interiors. From boucle armchairs to ribbed glass and stone finishes, mixing textures creates an engaging sensory experience. Combining soft, plush fabrics with rougher, raw materials achieves a balanced, tactile aesthetic.

#### 7. VINTAGE AND RETRO REVIVAL

Retro styles from the 1970s and 1980s are making a comeback. Think bold geometric patterns, curved furniture, and vibrant colors. Vintage items add character and nostalgia, while blending seamlessly with modern pieces for a unique, eclectic look.

#### 8. OPEN SPACES AND SEAMLESS TRANSITIONS

Open-plan living continues to be a favorite, but 2025 focuses on seamless transitions between indoor and outdoor spaces. Large

sliding doors, patios with cozy furnishings, and outdoor kitchens make homes feel larger and more versatile.

#### 9. STATEMENT LIGHTING

Lighting becomes a statement piece in 2025, blending form and function. Oversized pendant lights, sculptural chandeliers, and customizable LED systems are popular choices. Layered lighting—combining ambient, task, and accent lighting—ensures a well-lit and stylish space.

#### FINAL THOUGHTS

The top home décor styles for 2025 reflect a desire for balance—between bold self-expression and eco-conscious living, modern technology and timeless design. Whether you're adding a touch of greenery, updating your lighting, or investing in multifunctional furniture, these styles offer something for everyone. Personalize your space, embrace sustainability, and let your home tell your story.



CREAM CHEESE BROWNIES

### INGREDIENTS (MAKES 16 2-INCH BROWNIES)

#### FOR THE CREAM CHEESE FILLING:

- ❑ 4 ounces cream cheese, cut into 8 pieces
- ❑ ½ cup sour cream
- ❑ 2 tablespoons sugar
- ❑ 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

#### FOR THE BROWNIE BATTER:

- ❑ ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ❑ ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ❑ ½ teaspoon salt
- ❑ 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped fine
- ❑ 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ❑ 1 ¾ cups sugar
- ❑ 2 large eggs
- ❑ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### FOR THE CREAM CHEESE FILLING:

- Microwave cream cheese until soft, 20 to 30 seconds. Add sour cream, sugar, and flour and whisk to combine. Set aside.
- Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Make a foil sling for an 8-inch square baking pan by folding two long sheets of aluminum foil so each is 8 inches wide. Lay sheets of foil in pan perpendicular to each other, with extra foil hanging over edges of pan. Push foil into corners and up sides of pan, smoothing foil flush to pan. Grease foil.

#### FOR THE BROWNIE BATTER:

- Whisk flour, baking powder, and salt together

in a bowl and set aside. Microwave chocolate and butter in a bowl at 50% power, stirring occasionally, until melted, 1 to 2 minutes.

- Whisk sugar, eggs, and vanilla together in a medium bowl. Add melted chocolate mixture (do not clean bowl) and whisk until incorporated. Add flour mixture and fold to combine.
- Transfer 1/2 cup batter to the bowl used to melt the chocolate. Spread remaining batter in the prepared pan. Spread cream cheese filling evenly over batter.
- Microwave bowl of reserved batter until warm and pourable, 10 to 20 seconds. Using spoon, dollop softened batter over cream cheese filling,

6 to 8 dollops. Using a knife, swirl batter through cream cheese filling, making a marbled pattern, 10 to 12 strokes, leaving 1/2-inch border around edges.

- Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with a few moist crumbs attached, 35 to 40 minutes, rotating pan halfway through baking. Let cool in pan on wire rack for 1 hour.
- Using foil overhang, lift brownies out of pan. Return brownies to a wire rack and let cool completely, about 1 hour. Cut into 2-inch squares and serve.

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# NEW YEAR HOME DESIGN TIPS FOR 2025: FRESH IDEAS FOR A FRESH START

**JAY HOLLAND** - As we step into 2025, many homeowners are eager to refresh their living spaces with new design trends. Whether you're looking for a big transformation or small updates, the start of the year offers the perfect opportunity to revitalize your home. Here are some design tips for 2025 that bring both style and functionality to your space.

## 1. WARM, EARTHY TONES

While cool-toned minimalism has been popular in recent years, 2025 brings a shift towards warmer, earthy palettes. Colors like soft terracotta, olive green, and deep browns are ideal for creating a cozy, inviting atmosphere. These tones promote comfort and calm, making your home feel more welcoming and relaxed.

Consider using these shades for accent walls, furniture, or decor such as throw pillows, curtains, and rugs. Earthy tones not only create a grounded aesthetic but can also be paired with natural textures like linen, wood, and leather for a balanced look.

## 2. BIOPHILIC DESIGN: BRINGING NATURE INSIDE

Biophilic design continues to be a popular trend, focusing on connecting your living space with nature. This can be achieved using plants, natural materials, and maximizing natural light. Adding greenery to your home, from large statement plants to smaller indoor gardens, brings life to your space while improving air quality.

Consider installing larger windows or glass doors to bring in more natural light, which can improve both the ambiance and functionality of your space. Wood finishes, stone accents, and earthy textures further enhance the natural vibe, making your home feel like a retreat.

## 3. SMART, SPACE-SAVING FURNITURE

As homes continue to shrink, especially in urban areas, smart furniture becomes increasingly essential. Multi-functional furniture—such as beds with built-in storage, fold-out desks, or transformable coffee tables—helps make the most of limited space. In 2025, this trend will continue to grow as homeowners seek to combine style with practicality.

These space-saving pieces not only help maximize square footage but also



contribute to a sleek, modern design. Consider integrating such pieces into living rooms, bedrooms, or home offices to create a clutter-free, stylish environment.

## 4. STATEMENT LIGHTING

Lighting has the power to set the tone for a room, and in 2025, bold, statement lighting fixtures will continue to be a standout trend. Oversized chandeliers, sculptural pendant lights, and colorful lamps can all make a visual impact while adding personality to your space.

When selecting lighting, it's important to balance form and function. In kitchens and workspaces, choose bright, focused lighting. For living rooms and bedrooms, opt for softer, ambient lighting that fosters relaxation. Bold lighting choices add drama and depth to a room's design.

## 5. TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

Incorporating technology into home design is becoming increasingly common, and 2025 will see even more tech-savvy additions. Smart home devices such as thermostats, lighting systems, and security cameras can all be seamlessly integrated

into your design. These technologies not only increase convenience but also enhance the overall aesthetic when installed thoughtfully.

Consider built-in speakers, smart mirrors, or hidden charging stations to maintain a sleek and uncluttered look. Technology is no longer just a practical element; it's also an integral part of modern home design.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR A STYLISH 2025 HOME

The home design trends for 2025 emphasize sustainability, comfort, and personal expression. Whether you choose to focus on embracing warm earthy tones or integrating smart furniture, these tips can help you create a space that's both functional and stylish. By incorporating natural elements, bold lighting, and technology, you'll ensure your home is not only on trend but also a reflection of your personal style. Start the year with a home that feels fresh, inviting, and uniquely yours.

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