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5 DESIGN TRENDS

TO WATCH FOR IN 2017

Home & Garden director **Sarah Gunn** shares her picks for the hottest looks you'll want to try in your home this year.



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WONDER WALL

The new breed of adhesive wall art (think colourful abstract patterns, gorgeous watercolours and large-scale moody florals) is sophisticated, is super easy to apply and makes a serious design statement.

Blossoms large wall mural, \$811, anewalldcor.etsy.com.

Group an odd number of these pendants at various heights over your dining table.



2

SHAPE UP

We've seen geometric home accessories in gold and other metallics, but now this silhouette can be found in light fixtures, decor and even furniture in a matte ceramic-like finish. This approach hitches onto the still-hot handcrafted trend and elevates mere home accents to objet-d'art status.

Mine pendant lamp, \$389, anthropologie.com.



COLOUR OF THE YEAR!

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PURPLE REIGN

With some major paint companies choosing purple as their paint chip of the year—Benjamin Moore has selected Shadow, a rich amethyst shade, while CIL calls out Antique Violet, a soft greyish lavender—the time has come for this underused hue to hit its stride. While pastels are still holding on, this daring palette reflects a move toward intense, striking paint colours. If purple walls are too dramatic a change, try adding a smaller hit to your home by painting a console table or a desk in this royal hue.

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GREEN CRUSH

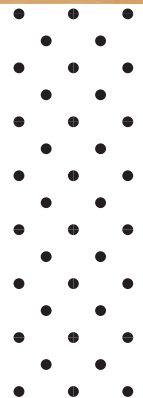
Following fashion's lead in textile and colour (Pantone has placed two verdant hues, Greenery and Kale, on its Spring 2017 Fashion Color Report), home decor has brought back luxe bottle-green velvet in a big way. While this incarnation calls to mind a posh library or a private club, its sleek lines and brass accents give a modern effect. A jewel tone might feel like a bold choice for such a big piece of furniture, but in an otherwise neutral room, it's a more approachable way to add colour.

Avec apartment sofa with brass legs, \$2,199, cb2.com.

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SWAN DIVE

Move over, owls, foxes and flamingos. We predict that swans will make a graceful appearance as the animal motif of the year. Look for them in everything from fabrics to artwork.

Beaded swans pillow cover, \$128, westelm.com. **Plumed crest print**, \$32, anthropologie.com. **Swan washi tape**, \$4, thepaperplace.ca.