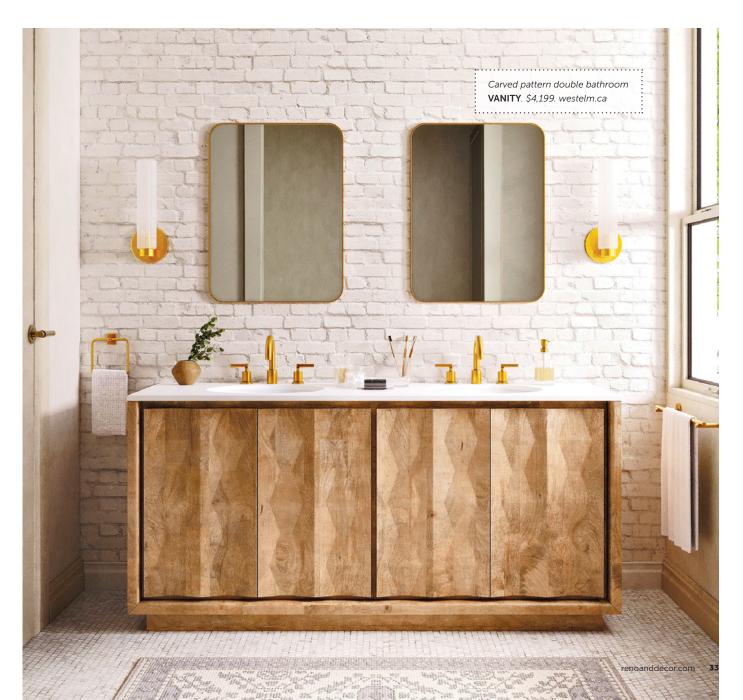
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Trends that will shape modern homes in the new year

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he design trends for this year are more than aesthetic choices; they reflect a desire for meaningful, sustainable living. From sculptural lighting to the thoughtful use of vintage decor and natural materials, this year's homes celebrate individuality and craftsmanship. By integrating these trends, you can create spaces that are as personal as they are functional.

## Warm wood tones 🗨 🗨

Cosy, nature-inspired interiors are bringing warm wood tones back into focus. Rich walnut, golden oak and classic teak are making waves in floors, cabinetry and furniture, adding character and texture to modern designs. Live-edge tables and wood-panelled accent walls — yes, that retro '60s vibe is back — create grounding focal points that connect interiors to the natural world.



## Streamlined kitchens

"Kitchens are taking a sleek, streamlined approach this year," explains interior designer Jane Lockhart of Jane Lockhart Design. "Hidden storage solutions, integrated appliances and minimalist cabinetry create a seamless aesthetic that blends effortlessly into open living areas." This style of kitchen design offers easyto-clean surfaces and an uncomplicated layout that for many people, is easy to live with. "Paired with wood elements and textured stone, these kitchen spaces radiate simplicity and warmth, proving that less can indeed be more," says Lockhart.



## Statement lighting

Lighting is stepping into the spotlight in 2025. Oversized pendants, sculptural fixtures and textured finishes redefine how we illuminate spaces. "Statement lighting isn't just about brightening a space

— it's a sculptural moment, a pause in the narrative of a space," says Jaclyn Genovese, principal designer and owner of Spaces by JacFlash. "The right fixture draws the eye, sparks curiosity and anchors the design, weaving together light, shadow and form to create an atmosphere that feels intentional and effortlessly lived in."