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# AGELESS DESIGN

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DESIGN TRENDS COME AND GO, BUT SOME ELEMENTS OF DESIGN THAT RISE IN POPULARITY AREN'T TRENDS AT ALL.

They represent how homeowners live and operate in their homes today and are simply good design practices. A few of the latest luxury kitchen and bath design elements requested by our homeowners have this staying power and are the opposite of trendy ideals. They are timeless and functional principles that are as comfortable in today's homes as they will be on tomorrow's blueprints.

In the bathroom, colorful, bright, and lively wallpaper applications are replacing neutral walls. Think tropical

banana leaf prints and vibrant primary hues of pattern, especially in powder rooms, where the commitment is small. Modern spa-like bathrooms with sleek surfaces and high-end finishes serve as a balance to bold wallpapers that may lean a little traditional. Some of these designs also transition to dining rooms. (To avoid design weariness, it makes sense to inject a dose of personality and color into rooms that may not see everyday use.)

In the kitchen, the emergence of oversized islands is here to stay. Kitchens have naturally become larger and more open over the past few years as homeowners tend to entertain at home more frequently. Oversized islands allow space for all types of functionality: casual dining, appliance and



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sink integration, and extra storage. Once homeowners have a taste of this level of comfortability and spaciousness, it’s hard to go back. Lighter, brighter natural stone countertops on these oversized islands have staying power, too. “From the earth” elements like stone and wow-worthy wood such as teak, maple, tigerwood, and bamboo look more exotic than traditional butcher block. Modern, clean lines have crept into kitchens, too, and may even be a little futuristic. Think cabinetry sans handles. The modernity of sleek lines and smooth materials mixed with rustic, natural wooden countertops and beams is the new classic style.

I have previously talked about the rise of sculleries, which are essentially second kitchens that are the workhorses of the home. They are now making their way closer to outdoor kitchens, where they are accessible to any form of entertaining the hostess wants to do. Outdoor living has grown exponentially in luxury homes, so it makes sense that sculleries are taking their place as outdoor entertainment helpers.

Timeless design is driven by quality materials, so it’s no surprise that today’s style based on natural materials has staying power. And with the universal influence of technology, modern elements will not take a backseat in whole-home design. ♦



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