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The One Decor Trend You Won't See in 2026 (or Ever Again), Designers Say

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KEY POINTS

- Designers are over minimal, matchy-matchy interiors.
- Try mixing textures, vintage pieces, and personal items to bring in more character.
- Designers are also tired of the curved furniture trend and gray tones dominating home decor.

With each passing year, certain design trends fall to the wayside in order to make room for various new looks to make their way into homes.

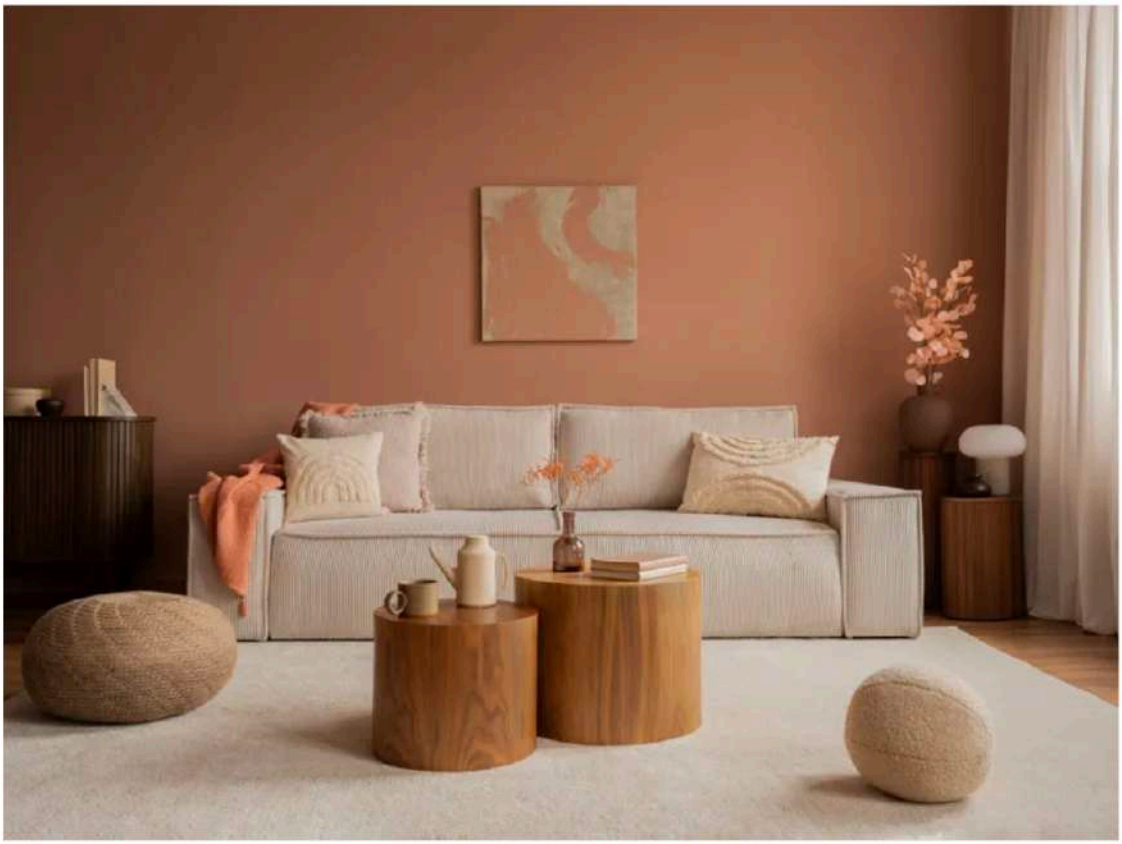
We were curious to find out if there was any one aesthetic in particular that pros are especially eager to remove from homes as we head into 2026, and tapped a few design experts to find out.

Below, find out what trend designers say they're *so* over as we wrap up 2025, plus a few more trends they can't wait to see fade out before the new year approaches.

MEET THE EXPERT

- Sara Swabb is the founder of Storie Collective.
- Tracy Morris is the founder of Tracy Morris Design.
- Katie Gutierrez is the co-founder of Errez Design.

Why Perfect, Matching Interiors Are Out



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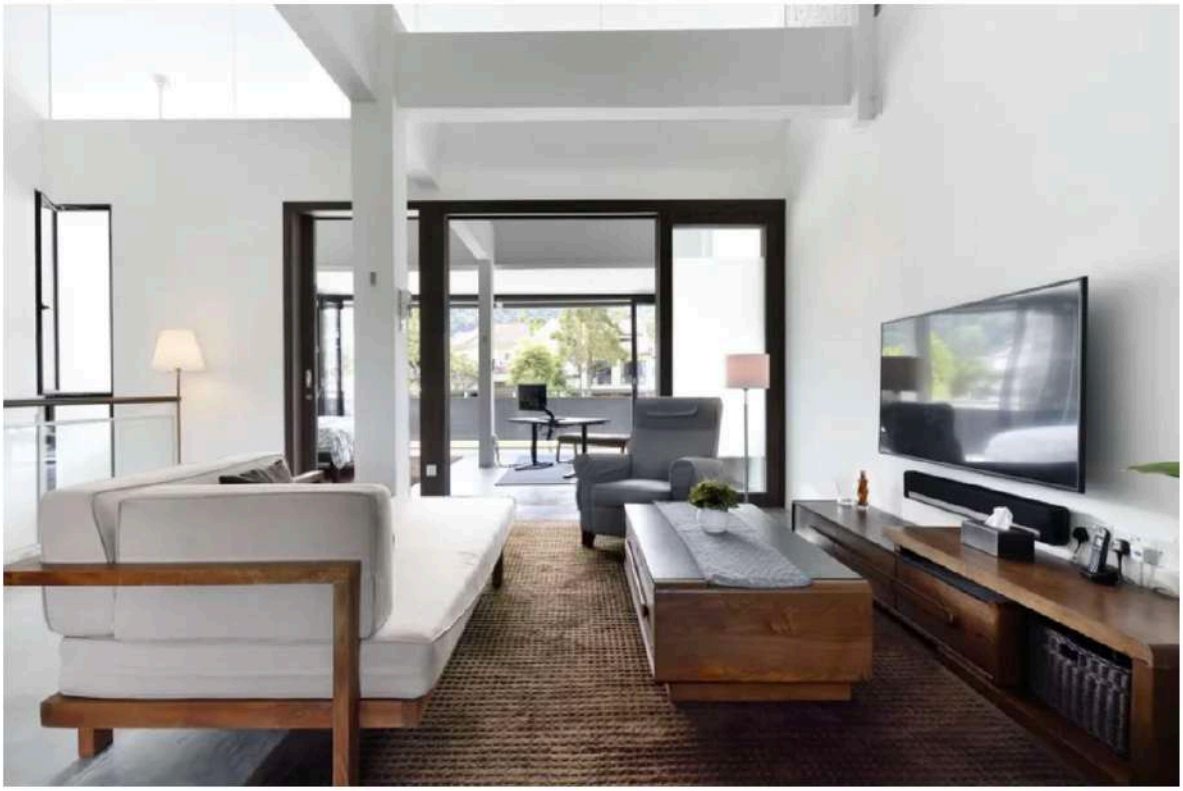
As we look ahead toward 2026, designers are more than ready to move away from minimalistic, matchy-matchy spaces.

"Spaces where everything coordinates a little too perfectly—identical woods, matching metals, one consistent palette—end up feeling sterile," says interior designer Sara Swabb.

Spaces like these can feel staged and untouchable, leaving guests and even dwellers to feel stiff in the space. And Swabb isn't alone in feeling this way.

"Spaces that are overly coordinated or stripped of personality are starting to feel cold and uninspired," says designer Tracy Morris, adding that these rooms can "feel more like showrooms than homes."

How to Fix a Space That's Too Matchy



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If you noticed yourself nodding yes, Swabb and Morris share several useful tips to help you take your existing space from coordinated to charming.

Add Art

As you work to incorporate more character into your home, you don't need to get rid of everything you own and start totally from scratch. One practice that Swabb has been employing is adding unexpected artwork to rooms throughout her own home that need a bit of extra zing.

Add Imperfect Pieces

She's also made an effort to weave in furniture pieces from local makers, finding that handmade items add the storied charm that she so desperately craves.

"There's a soulfulness in those imperfections that you simply can't replicate," she says. "Perfection is boring."

Get Rid of Matching Furniture



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According to Morris, one way to instantly zhush up your home is to get rid of any matching furniture sets—or certain pieces within matching sets.

"Rooms look more interesting when they include a mix of textures, finishes, and styles that tell a story," she says.

Before bringing all new pieces into your home, consider selling that pair of accent chairs that came with your sofa and using the proceeds to source some eye-catching vintage seating.

Shop Your Home

When it comes to finding accessories that take your space from minimalistic to more like you, try shopping your home before heading out to the store.

"Pair your grandmother's brass candlesticks with a contemporary marble table," says interior designer Katie Gutierrez. "Think less about styling and more about storytelling."

2 More Home Design Trends That Are Over

Beyond moving away from overly coordinated spaces, professional designers have plenty more feelings about other trends they'd love to see fall to the wayside come 2026.

Exaggerated Shapes



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Swabb is ready to move on from curved furniture and scalloped details galore, finding these styles to be a bit overused for her liking.

This doesn't mean she's opposed to organic forms as a whole, though. Instead, she's is eager to see structured pieces with more subtle curves take hold of the style trends in 2026.

"It gives you the same softness, but with greater longevity," the designer says.

Lots of Gray Tones



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Morris is eager to move past all of the gray tones that have characterized homes in recent years.

"Those cool, flat grays can make a space feel lifeless," Morris says.

Luckily, she finds that she isn't alone ready to say goodbye to millennial gray and hello to warmer, natural tones taking over.