Amari side table, £225,

Dulux Copper Blush paint, £14 for 2.5L, dulux.co.uk

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LET IT SHINE

Copper, brass, silver and gold are like neutrals in a scheme as they work with any colour palette. Like most home trends, copper was popularised by the fashion industry first, with Marc Jacobs, Dior, Chanel and Burberry all featuring copper tones across their 2007 collections. The shade was reignited for the interiors world following Dulux's announcement of Copper Blush as 2015's paint colour of the year. Since then, copper and its warmth has appeared everywhere from kitchen taps to pendant lights. In 2016, brass reigned, surpassing copper as a popular interiors metal. However, gold is going to take centre stage this season. It works brilliantly with this season's paint shades including

mustard and teal.

DARE TO GO DARK

Dark paint colours continue to reign and make a room cosy and stylish. Give it a go! Paint is not a big investment yet it's hugely transformative. Your furniture and accessories will be framed by an entirely new aesthetic. Side lights and candles will glow with extra effervescence. Step away from grey and delve into dark inky blues and sludgy olive greens, perfect for the autumn/winter season. Go to Fired Earth, Mylands and Sanderson for some gorgeous colours.

SEASONS

Brass Finish Coffee Table
With Marble Top, £385,
outthereinteriors.com

These INTERIORS TRENDS for autumn and winter will really make <u>HOME</u> a place to enjoy, says Interiors Stylist HANNAH CORK



EVER GREEN

Greenery was Pantone's 2017 colour of the year, and this hue will continue to be popular. When it comes to recent interior trends, plants have been on an upward trajectory. In 2014, it was all about succulents. In 2015, it was the year of the fiddle leaf, whilst 2016 featured hanging plants with a Bohemian feel. As the year comes to a close, we'll see a lot more artificial plants in the home. High-quality silk plants look so realistic, are low maintenance and are a great investment. London interior designer Abigail Ahern continues to break boundaries with huge, stunning artificial banana trees and cacti.



What you see on the catwalk always filters down into the home. Draped velvet, painted fabrics, gold accents; once you've seen it on a svelte model you'll soon see it on a sumptuous sofa. It's the way interior trends work.

From a selection at pooky.com

We've seen 1980s fashion on the catwalk for the last few seasons, so expect this to translate into your home. 1980s interiors were the decade of excess, with plenty of fabric and pattern. Soft furnishings lend themselves to excess dressing and embellishments. Think button-back reversible seat pads with fabric ties on dining chairs; frilled valances on divan beds with matching window pelmets; upholstered tissue box covers sitting on glass-topped fullskirted kidney-shaped dressing tables; and a plethora of Liberty, Sanderson and Laura Ashley florals applied generously against a backdrop of pastel paint. It was the antithesis of the bare, pared-back minimal style

we're so used to. But fabric with pattern and colour is cosy, comforting and

warming, as well as

being a great noise absorber. It's the sheen that makes floral fabrics chintzy, dated and a bit nasty, so choose fabrics that are non-reflective, without any shine and have a visible weave.

Embrace the new take on bold florals. Wild weaving organic botanicals in on trend and colours courtesy of Fanny Shorter and Christopher Farr will look bold on circular button-back cushions dressing a bed. Use different colourways of the same fabric throughout a room to dilute the matching element. Incorporate 1980s embellishments on soft furnishings and accessories, too, such as fringing, pom poms and tassels.

Pooky make gorgeous pleated fabric lampshades in Ikat prints and House

of Hackney's wildly patterned furniture is trimmed with fringing which matches that on the lamp shades.



CREATE YOUR 'HAPPY'

If trends aren't for you then ignore them entirely. Instead, go for a more considered approach. Think about the everyday objects you use repeatedly. Celebrate the new season by treating yourself to a few new pieces for the home; a sculptural lamp base, a perfectly shaped mug, or linen that feels great when you make the bed. Surround yourself with pieces that make you feel happy.

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