

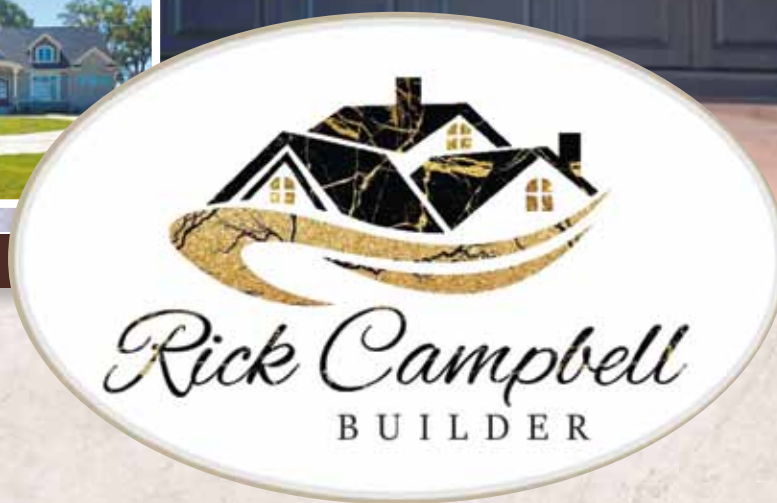
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WHAT'S TRENDING IN ...

BATHROOMS

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X Cary McNeil, owner of Greenwood-based McNeil Homes, discussed the bathroom features soon-to-be homeowners most request when getting a custom home built.

After several years of walk-in showers being all the rage, bathtubs are making a comeback. The free-standing tub is a stylish way to make sure you get that relaxing nightly soak. The tubs are finished on all sides and are able to stand alone, unlike built-in or drop-in tubs that are mounted against a wall or into the floor.

But walk-in showers aren't going anywhere. Homeowners generally want both a free-standing tub for a leisurely bubble bath and a luxurious shower for the morning go-to-work routine. Showers are larger, with multiple, adjustable shower heads, custom-made glass doors and attractive tiling.

McNeil said owners of custom homes want larger bathrooms with more floor space. Cool, neutral colors like white and gray are popular. The most popular fixtures are oil-rubbed bronze and brushed nickel.

That larger bathroom leaves plenty of space for another popular feature: separate, his and hers vanities on different walls. People aren't asking for the long vanity with dual sinks as much, he said.

Don't like that chilly floor on your bare feet after your morning shower? Some upscale bathrooms in new construction now include a heated floor, McNeil said. An electric pad can be placed under the flooring during construction to warm the floor. This is especially handy with natural stone or tile floors.

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With a little research, you can find the perfect windows at the best price

STORY BY JENN WILLHITE PHOTO FROM ADOBE STOCK

Replacing the windows in your home doesn't have to be a daunting task. You simply have to do a little homework prior to diving in, say area experts.

First, take inventory of your window situation. There are several telltale signs that indicate windows need to be replaced, says Brad Nesses, sales director with Paul's Glass in Greenwood.

One of the most obvious is letting weather in rather than keeping it out. If the windows need to be covered in the winter and summer, they need to be replaced, he says.

Another sign that is hard to mistake is window rot, he says. Window rot occurs when the wood that frames the window is repeatedly exposed to moisture over time, resulting in soft, spongy spots that become discolored. Not only can rot affect the window's frame, but it can also appear around the sill, sash or trim.

Prior to shopping for new windows, know up front what you are willing to spend to replace them. One determining aspect that will save time and money in the long run is knowing if this is a home you are going to stay in for a while or possibly sell in the near future.

"That helps to determine what quality of product you are going to put in," Nesses says. "That doesn't mean you are going to put junk in there, but in the end you want the most bang for your buck."

Here is where doing some homework really comes in handy. Familiarize yourself with what products are out there and shop around, he says. "There is a low end and high end. Just like when you buy a car, would you rather have the opinions of the mechanic or the salesperson selling the car?"

Daina Egan, owner of The Glass Guru in Greenwood, says there are many types of glass, ranging from single to triple pane and plain, untreated to low-E. Low-emittance is a thin coating applied to a glass pane that helps improve energy efficiency and will lower heating and cooling costs, she explains.

"Low-E will also protect your wood floor from the sunshine," Egan says. "Each type of Low-E glass offers a varying degree of protection from weather and noise depending on how it is treated."

Nesses cautions that there are many gimmicks out there to satisfy customers' needs for immediate results, but opting for



the speedier, cheaper offers can cost you dearly in the long run. In some situations, the price can increase if you don't buy immediately, he says. That is a sure sign that you need to go elsewhere, he says.

"The ones who do their research always come out ahead," he says. "It is worth waiting and getting another opinion."

So you have found the windows you want and the right company to install them. What now? A typical window replacement, when done correctly, can take anywhere from three to eight weeks, Nesses says.

"The true way of doing it is a full replacement with a flange," he says. Although it can be more intrusive, it is better than putting in a pocket window that

requires taking out the sash and placing a window within a window, which is what is typically done. Not only are you left with smaller glass to look through, but it isn't the same as truly taking out the existing window and putting a new one in its place, Nesses explains.

Trends in windows are leaning toward adding pops of dark color, such as black, shades of gray and other heavier hues, Nesses says. It is important to know if the window frames sporting the color are powder-coated, painted or vinyl, as each has different needs when it comes to upkeep and longevity.

Another popular element is taking a minimalist approach to dividing window panes. "A lot of people aren't putting as many grids in their windows," he says.

"There are more horizontal grids to make things look wider, bigger and taller. That is with an existing opening. If it is new construction, you will see more contemporary styles."

One last factor to consider is the warranty offered with new windows. Oftentimes, the warranty will be good for a "lifetime," but understand that, in some cases, if you sell your home that makes the warranty null and void, Nesses says.

Some companies, like Egan's, honor the warranty through a single transfer to a new owner, but beyond that the warranty is void, she says.

"Windows, which are properly installed, are guaranteed for upward of 20 or 30 years," Nesses says. "But they can last much longer."

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DINING IN THE GREAT *outdoors*

This has been the summer of patio entertaining and dining for those who have the space

STORY BY KIM COOK | ASSOCIATED PRESS | PHOTOS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

X Squeezing the most out of summer — especially this coronavirus summer — has often meant eating and entertaining outside, for those with the space to do it.

“The goal today is to lavish just as much love and attention on your outdoor setup as you do your indoor rooms. Even if it’s just a fire escape in the city,” says interior designer Elaine Griffin, based in St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Set the stage

To elevate your al fresco entertaining, she advises, begin with the layout.

Set up the dining table close to your indoor kitchen: “The further it is, the more oversize trays you’ll need to carry stuff out.”

Place your seating toward the best view you’ve got. And kids’ play areas should be easily seen.

“Think of the outdoors like you

would an open plan interior,” Griffin says.

Get a good light source, whether it’s sunlight for breakfast or lunch, or light strings for cocktails and dinner.

The right props

Griffin says wicker is having a moment this summer, indoors and out. “I love it because it’s affordable and virtually indestructible,” she says. She cites Amanda Lindroth’s tabletop accesso-

ries: “She’s like the Ralph Lauren of wicker: collectible, timeless classic and insanely chic.”

Outdoor spaces reap drama from an oversize mirror, too. “They’re great on side or back walls to add depth and reflect light,” says Griffin.

Pillar candles in tall, clear, cylinder vases make inexpensive hurricanes. “Station these to illuminate the approach to your dining area for red carpet drama, flanking patio stairs and doors,” she says. Get a set of battery-operated ones with a remote control, and you won’t have to worry about wind or fire safety.

If you’re using a tablecloth, make sure you’ve got anchors and clips to hold it in place in a breeze. Look for cast-resin and metallic weights shaped like flowers, birds or shells, as well as ones crafted of polished pebbles or sea glass. These make good hostess gifts, too.

Choose placemats or table coverings that can be wiped clean easily. If your decor style is modern, Ikea has square or round placemats with bold, pop-art graphic stripe or swirl patterns, or vibrant hues of pink, red and navy.

Chilewich’s plaid, stripe and madras patterns in their signature woven placemats bridge contemporary and traditional style. And in a collaboration with Williams-Sonoma, Aerin’s oilcloth tablecloths feature a variety of vintage floral prints.

Now serving

Chrissy Teigen’s Cravings collection at Target includes melamine serving trays with a breezy, batik-inspired pattern. Also in the collection are mango-wood trays inlaid with metallic designs inspired by her Moroccan travels.

Sixteenth-century Turkish tile inspired a collection of dip bowls and platters at Williams-Sonoma. Here too, a collection that references traditional Sicilian maiolica patterns.

Set up an appetizer zone with CB2’s petrified wood or blackened teak serving boards, some of their

Pebble gray melamine plates with a handmade, Japanese look, and a cheese knife set made of faceted brass that reverses to polished pyrite stone.

Celebrate summer flowers and fruits by using melamine plates like Sur La Table’s Rose Nuage, printed with soft pink blooms on a blue background, and Cabana, printed with beachy tropical leaves and flowers. The Pique Nique design is printed with vibrant cherries.

At Anthropologie, find painterly renditions of papayas and lemons on a serveware collection made of bamboo and melamine. At West Elm, you’ll find Toronto artist Xenia Taler’s geometric-patterned plates, made of bamboo and rice husks. And at One King’s Lane, Vietri’s melamine collection looks just like rustic stoneware.

Instead of disposable paper napkins, consider tea towels. They’re roomy enough to drape across a lap and provide a nice big surface on which to wipe fingers. Flour-sack towels are soft, absorbent, lint-free and wash easily. Heath Ceramics has a set of three, printed with type foundry House Industries’ bold flatware graphics. Sur La Table has playful plaid, gingham, strawberry, dog or cat prints.

The pandemic has made bandannas popular as face coverings, but they also make great table runners with just a few quick stitches. Or you can use them as napkins.

For retro style, CB2’s Doris matte-finish aluminum tumblers in navy, copper, silver and soft mint green have a midcentury modern vibe. And Sur La Table’s acrylic drinkware, in cherry red or clear, looks like vintage chunky cut glass.

In a new collaboration with the RV company Airstream, Pottery Barn has a collection that includes a drinks cooler shaped like the iconic trailer; logo-embroidered napkins and tumblers; and bowls and plates in a gray-and-white enamelware swirl pattern.



Anthropologie serveware collection



Heath Ceramics flour sack towels



CB2’s Doris matte-finish aluminum tumblers



Pottery Barn’s bowls and plates

4 HOT HOME RENOVATION TRENDS THIS SUMMER

STORY BY STATEPOINT
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Whether building a home from scratch, doing a complete renovation or simply refreshing a room or two, you can take your project to the next level with some design inspiration.

As one half of HGTV's "The Cousins" and the founder of Lily Shea Development LLC, John Colaneri is well-versed in top design trends.

Having recently purchased a 1960s-era rambler with the goal of taking it down to the studs and remaking it, Colaneri is sharing insights and ideas to help you create a unique space in your own home where all the elements blend together:

- **Color pop.** Find a color to carry throughout the entire home. While many people typically look to paint doors and trim white, consider being creative here.

"For my home, which has an open concept floor plan, I knew that I wanted to use a dark color for trim and doors in order to enhance other design elements, such as my kitchen island and hood," Colaneri said.

- **Something old, something new.** Achieving a blend of old and new can bring warmth and texture to otherwise ascetic spaces and design elements.



"I love contemporary design, but my true passion is blending old and new together. For the main entry and hallway, I installed reclaimed natural wood to add warmth and character to the space," Colaneri said. "Likewise, I selected industrial-style light fixtures that boast traditional touches."

- **Let it shine.** Blurring that line between the indoors and outside can make a space feel larger and more inviting. To do this, Colaneri suggested replacing old windows with those that bring in more natural light.

"I chose black trim to give my windows a contemporary look and allow them to be a focal point, but I went with a farmhouse-style grille for a traditional feel," he said. "I

also changed the rear windows into sliding doors, which made a huge difference by offering more outdoor access and light."

- **Customized tiling.** Tiles are a great way to customize a space so that it's truly yours.

"Since I have three different design styles pervasive in my home — contemporary, rustic and industrial — I wanted the tiles to reflect this," said Colaneri, who chose different effects for his daughter's bathroom, the master bathroom and his home's entryway, where he used a hexagon marble tile that blends into the wood floor.

To learn more about Colaneri's project and read about more ways to freshen up your space, visit getinspiredwithjohn.com.

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Keep the outdoors outside

STORY BY STATEPOINT

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Even avid nature lovers will agree that not all aspects of the outdoors belong inside one's home. While bugs, mud and allergens will sneak their way into interior spaces, the steps you take to manage these elements can keep your home more comfortable.

Make floors mud-free

Setting up a mudroom near the entrance of your home can help you combat footprints once and for all. If you don't like being barefoot or want extra sole support, keep a pair of shoes nearby that you can swap when indoors. Just be sure that this pair never leaves the house. Have a dog? Wipe paws clean when you get home from walks, or better yet, try dog boots, which have the added bonus of protecting paws from sharp objects, hot pavement and other road hazards.

Contain allergens

Your home should provide a respite from outdoor allergens. Unfortunately, pollen has a tendency to stick to skin, hair, shoes and clothes. Contain allergens by removing outerwear when you get home. If you spent the day in a grassy or forested area, you may also want to change your clothes or even take a shower before sitting on furniture. As far as

cleaning is concerned, regularly shake out your welcome mat outside and away from the front door. Also, make a habit of regularly laundering items that touch your eyes, ears and nose most frequently, such as bedding and towels.

Combat insect invaders

According to the Smithsonian Institution, there are over 200 million insects for each human on the planet. That's a lot of critters, and despite your best efforts, some of them are going to enter your home, especially during peak bug season. With the National Pest Management Association's bug barometer calling for high pest pressure from ants, roaches, mosquitoes and more this season, having a smart way to deal with insect invaders

is a good idea. The majority of people are concerned with the ingredients found in conventional bug killer sprays. Look for effective solutions made without harsh chemicals.

Banish excess moisture

Too much moisture indoors is bad news. Damp spaces can promote growth and spread of viruses, bacteria and bugs, according to the American Lung Association. To keep your home's interiors dry, fix up any leaks and keep humidity levels at 50 percent or less by adjusting controls on your air conditioner and/or by running a dehumidifier. The Institute of Medicine cites good ventilation and moisture control as ways to help limit both mold and bug problems.





LAUNDRY Blues

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You don't have to live with stains

Summer living can make your family's clothing vulnerable to stains, splatters and more, even if you are spending more time at home these days. But it's possible to restore your family's clothing to like-new condition every time laundry day rolls around with these tips and strategies:

- **Act quickly:** The faster you treat a garment, the more likely you will successfully remove stains and odors. While portable stain sticks are a great option when out and about, you can also rely on some running water and hand soap.

- **Understand stains:** "Science shows that there is no one single ingredient that cleans everything well, so understanding the anatomy of a stain is essential," says to Elli Frasier, director

of product development for CR Brands, a cleaning products manufacturer.

For example, enzymes are required to treat protein-based stains like grass, while granular-based stains such as mud require detergents. For this reason, that quick soccer game in the backyard could easily become the precursor to laundry day difficulties. Throw some al fresco dining into the mix and your favorite item of clothing may really be in trouble. Here are a few common summer clothing pitfalls and how to handle them:

- **Tough workouts:** When washing sweaty workout gear and other clothing, be sure laundry products contain odor-preventing ingredients. If your machine has a sports cycle, this may be a good setting to choose.

- **Barbecues:** Ketchup and other condiments take center stage at barbecues, but when they make contact with clothing, it's important to target these stains correctly. The same is true of juice drinks, spaghetti sauce and wine. Pretreat such stains for 30 minutes or more with peroxide-containing products before washing.

- **Grease:** Whether changing the oil in your car or fixing a bicycle chain, maintenance tasks such as these can lend themselves to tough-to-treat grease stains. Agitate garments with a degreasing agent along with warm water before laundering.

- **Choose a powerful weapon:** The best way to ensure clothing comes out of the wash good-as-new is to select products containing a variety of stain-fighting ingredients, including enzymes, peroxides, whitening agents and detergents.

- **Examine clothes post-wash:** Before tossing garments in the dryer, ensure stains were actually removed during the wash cycle, as applying heat can set the stain.

- **Read labels:** When in doubt, check tags for proper care, particularly for delicates and special fabrics.

More laundry tips and information can be found by visiting bizstainfighter.com.



ENHANCE YOUR BACKYARD WITH

Water

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Enhancing your backyard? Experts say that the sights and sounds of water features make them one of the most impactful additions to consider.

“Water features not only increase visual interest, but the bubbling sounds add a sense of calm to any outdoor space,” says landscape designer, Doug Scott, of Redeem Your Ground in Atlanta, Ga. “They also attract birds, butterflies and more, literally bringing life into your backyard.”

So, how do you select the right water feature for your yard? According to Scott, here’s what to consider:

- **Fountains:** With a wide range of shapes, sizes and options to comple-

ment any space or budget, fountains are one of the most common types of water features for homeowners across the country. They’re also relatively easy to install and maintain.

“Fountains create the sights and sounds my clients are looking for and they do it in a way that accommodates their potential space and budget constraints,” says Scott.

- **Water gardens and fishponds:** Water gardens are gardens of plants that live in and around water. Best when incorporated into a natural setting, they enable homeowners to add such vibrant plants as water lettuce, water lilies, horse tail, blue iris

and sweet flag to their landscapes. Much like water gardens, fishponds are best incorporated into a natural setting, and contain many of the same plants.

“The added bonus of fishponds is that you’ll be able to enjoy the beauty of koi and goldfish, while providing them a home,” says Scott.

Scott cautions that when compared to other water features, fishponds do add expense and necessary periodic maintenance. Beyond stocking the pond, you’ll need a pump to aerate and circulate the water, as well as vegetation to create oxygen and provide a natural food source. Additionally, you must provide adequate protection for the fish from the land and air predators that will likely pay your pond a visit. On the plus side, fishponds will attract an abundance of non-predatory wildlife to your yard.

“Although adding a pond or water garden is more involved than just buying a fountain and plugging it in, the life it’ll bring to your family outdoors is limitless,” Scott says.

- **Waterfalls and streams:** Waterfalls and streams create a meandering setting that helps you connect one space of your yard to another. Functionally, they also help manage draining. However, due to the engineering required for successful installation, Scott highly recommends most homeowners work with a professional on such a project. This minimizes the chances of things going wrong.

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