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TOUCHY-FEELY TIME

Feathers and florals, tactile textures and tiles, knits and macrame, and the calming colour blue will help you create the ultimate personal decor statement as the cooler weather make cosiness a priority

Our interior spaces change with the seasons, so as we say goodbye to the summer heat and transition through autumn into winter, it's the perfect time to revisit your home's decor. With warm and bold natural colours, soft, tactile textures and an array of new trends, there's a seasonal something for everyone.



THERE is much to like about the interior design trends for autumn this year. With bold colours, natural materials, patterned feature walls and soft, tactile textures, you can really tailor the look to suit your taste and personality.

Recycling and restoring furniture and decorator items that at first appear old, worn and useless is gaining popularity. Old suitcases and chests find new life as coffee tables or as decorator items throughout the home.

People today have a greater appreciation of natural and organically sourced materials such as stone, natural fibres and timber, all of which exude warmth and timeless style.

A focus on eco-inspired products, including natural weaves and sustainable soft furnishings, will continue to gain popularity as the weather becomes cooler.

Wrapped furniture is also gaining momentum. The textured effect works well as a statement piece, with items being wrapped in leather, seagrass or linen. This is a great way to dress up furniture and spice up

your style without having to mess with paint.

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GETTING COSY

Texture plays an important part in our lives as we begin to crave that cosy feeling at home. Investing in luxurious throws, bedding, cushions, sheepskins and upholstery in mixed textures can create the ultimate statement.

Stripes and geometric patterns are becoming hot favourites and are being used extensively in Australian homes in wallpaper, bedding and upholstery designs.

Used in small doses, bright graphic patterns can create that

wow factor. Popular prints include hexagons, diamonds and stripes.

Three-dimensional wall tiles are becoming forms of art in our homes, offering a modern and versatile alternative to traditional wall paintings. In different patterns and geometrics, these adaptable tiles can be used in a variety of rooms from entertaining areas to the kitchen.

UP THE WALL

Flooring materials are no longer reserved for walking on and are now being used in innovative ways, making an appearance on walls and ceilings. In high-traffic areas, porcelain tiles that emulate the look

of hardwood offer the natural beauty of wood together with the durability and easy maintenance of tiles.

Rectangular-shaped tiles, particularly those in long linear plank styles, will continue to grow in popularity for both wall and floor applications. This creative use of floor materials is already gaining favour in commercial buildings, offices and cafes across Perth.

Homeowners are also looking up when it comes to creating the ultimate green statement inside their home. Vertical gardens are bringing walls to life, offering greenthumbs an attractive way to grow plants while reducing their carbon footprint.

Perfect for small apartments in particular, vertical gardens will accommodate a range of succulents that can be stacked on top of each other to ensure minimal use of water.

BLUE BUZZ

Fresh designs, decorating ideas and new colour schemes this autumn are reflecting the changing lifestyles of homeowners.

Blue is the hot colour this season, particularly softer blue tones that add a calming presence to any home interior.

From ceramic accessories to throw rugs and bedding, this striking colour is making a statement.

It's a choice that is both bold and glamorous, while creating a sense of calm throughout the home.

FLORALS, FEATHERS AND HANDCRAFTS

Knitting and other handcrafts are making a huge comeback and are no longer confined to grandmother's craft room. Large-scale knits and macrame are taking off in both decor and furniture. Patterns and florals are also being well used, with a pattern on a white background proving the strongest trend.

Florals are strong in both modern and exotic designs and offer a touch of romance to any home.

Feathers are fast becoming popular in home decor, though it is important not to go overboard. The use of feathers can create a statement of drama and elegance and can transform the feel of any room.

They can add texture to home decor when used in curtains and decorative accessories such as lamps and cushions.

ITS ALL ABOUT YOU

It's important that your home and the decor inside it resonate with you and your lifestyle. While there are plenty of exciting trends and design inspirations for autumn, make sure you take time to think carefully about what the interior of your home says about your personality.

Webb & Brown-Neaves interior designer MELISSA REDWOOD offers expert advice about current and emerging trends

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The Brindabella by Webb & Brown-Neaves in Wandi makes a feature of the vertical garden.



The master bathroom in Webb & Brown-Neaves' Azumi display home in Alkimos features the floral trend.

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