

NO WALLFLOWERS HERE: How to Make a Statement With Your Walls

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A highly customizable but largely overlooked area of the home is probably right in front of your eyes - the walls. Each room in your home has at least a couple, but aside from paint colour, why are these expansive, blank canvases left almost empty? Put your walls in the spotlight with the three trendy wall treatments!

HEXED!

Geometrics have been trending for the last five years or so, but they have evolved from the wallpapers of the past, in terms of today's trending shapes and materials. Hexagon tiles are the latest iteration of geometric wall coverings, a trend that was found its way to flooring and backsplashes. This six-sided form is often understated. It is complex and unexpected at the same time. The shape is a great way to modernize a classic colour palette and material, such as ceramic or marble.

Trend To Watch: Consider layering multiple materials within one space. Different mediums and aesthetics, such as rustic hardwood alongside meticulously-cut marble tile, will add some interest to the space and help highlight your home's best features.

THREE DIMENSIONAL

Three-dimensional wall cladding is relatively new to the interior design scene, but it has already begun its ascent into the consumer market for both residential and commercial spaces. If you're looking to update and upgrade your space, this is definitely an option to consider. A common misconception is that 3D tile is too "futuristic," even bordering on Jetsons. On the contrary, a product like White Diamond 3D Wall Design by CIOT, pictured in





the matte white finish, is subtle and elegant. This Italian-made product is available in a range of patterns, and it features a raised geometric design on each large-

scale, 16-by-32-inch piece. Reflecting on how light and shadows play on each panel, this wall treatment lends an ever-changing look to your home.



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ORGANIC EDGES

Imperfectly perfect - this is the aesthetic goal of this particular wall trend, which exploits the natural attributes of organic materials and their uneven patterns, colours and edges. This tile style is elegant enough to take on a formal space (imagine a living room feature wall) but fairly practical to survive the wear and tear of a kitchen or bathroom. Even though this wall treatment is commonly seen on kitchen backsplashes, it found its application in bathrooms, living areas and entryways with gusto.

Whether you're renovating your whole home from top to bottom or redecorating just one or two of the rooms, remember that regardless of your project's scale or scope, you shouldn't waste a single inch of space. After all, it's a limited resource, so make the most of every corner. Thoughtful finishes and a few unexpected choices can turn otherwise overlooked, underused areas of the home into a new-found focus.



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