

home design guide

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Canin Associates' "Right-Sized" Estrada Series Cottages

Patent Pending

mid-year 2010 design trends

Changes in the economy have undoubtedly brought about changes in our lifestyles, and in turn, changes in the way we live in our homes. Home design is trending toward simplicity and practicality with better design for smaller spaces. Consumers are asking for quality of space over quantity of space. Mid year into 2010, we've compiled a list of continuing home design trends and the latest in consumer preferences:

TRENDING IN

- Right-sized floor plans
- Glass walls for light and views
- Folding glass doors
- Outdoor living areas
- Flat screen TV's everywhere
- Downloading movies on TV
- Energy efficient windows
- Body spa shower heads
- Large showers
- Clean and simple design
- Wireless internet router counters
- Spray foam insulation
- Larger casual living space
- Video game spaces
- Storage space in the garage
- Nine foot ceilings
- Recycled wood flooring
- Colorful paint colors
- Cell phones
- Being Green
- Native plants
- Kitchen bar top seating
- Energy efficient appliances
- Quartz countertops
- Base cabinets with drawers
- Lighting controls
- Compact fluorescent bulbs
- Tankless water heaters

TRENDING OUT

- Unused extra space
- Dim rooms that feel suffocating
- Sliding glass doors
- Concrete slabs
- One TV
- Home theaters
- Cheapest windows
- Jetted tubs
- Glass shower enclosures
- Complicated design
- Computer desks
- Blown insulation
- Formal living rooms
- Play rooms
- Under-sized garages
- Eight foot ceilings
- Carpeting
- Beige
- Land lines
- Being wasteful
- Irrigation systems
- breakfast tables
- Lowest price appliances
- Solid surface countertops
- Base cabinets with doors
- Dimmer switches
- Incandescent light bulbs
- Hot water tanks

Excess and designing for resale value is out. Better design is in. It has to be because more has to be done with less space and designers need to be more creative to design the right solutions that reflect the needs of today's homebuyers.

Do you have questions about home design or remodeling?



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