

Kitchen renovations: hottest trends for 2017

"Renovating your kitchen can be an intimidating project. With so many decisions to make, renowned designer and stylist Tiffany Pratt shares her trend-forward insights after teaming up with The Home Depot Canada to overhaul her kitchen.

Shake it up with Shaker. Shaker-style cabinets are a go-to cabinet style for many designers because they offer beautiful traditional lines that dance within most style genres. "Using Thomasville Nouveau cabinets in off-white meant that I could really do anything within my space. Like a blank canvas, this cabinet style updates the room while still maintaining existing styles," explains Pratt.

Mute the colour with 1980s palette. Adding colour doesn't always mean going bold and bright. Moving into the next few seasons, colour trends are leaning toward shades that echo the muted, pale mid-tones of the '80s. Inspired by her deep love for pink, Pratt modernized and scaled up the shade by using it in a more grown-up and risky way in a dusty rose hue.



Inject hits of modern. Instead of breaking up your backsplash and countertop into two different types of materials, why not use the same material for both? "In kitchen design I really appreciate crisp, clean lines while still injecting sparkle, texture and pattern," says Pratt. Give the eye a break

by sweeping the same material for both the countertop and backsplash in a Silestone or marbled quartz, and create a modern look with texture.


Mix your metals. Pratt recommends an all-or-nothing approach when it comes to selecting metals. "In the case of my kitchen, I chose to mix.

My faucet is brushed gold, while my pulls and light fixture have hits of polished nickel. This route was natural because I went with all white appliances that opened me up to a world of possibilities."

Finding your floor as centrepiece. Look for something with durability, interest and an ability to hide everyday dirt. Pratt chose a full polished marble floor because it was unexpected and graphic. "Like a work of art by Escher, my floor is truly the centerpiece of the space and adds a newness while still fitting into the old bones of my home." Remember that flooring can be more than functional — it can also be the pattern and art in the room that really makes the space come to life.



Consider the white appliances. While most people swoon over stainless steel and the new black appliances, Pratt still loves white. A full spread of white appliances disappear into the space and don't call too much attention in the room. Chic, clean and effortless, white appliances also echo European design. (NC)

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