



# Designer Perspectives on Trends

*For 2015 and years to come.*

We asked five designers about the trends they are incorporating in their designs for 2015. And, we got them to share some ideas on how you can incorporate upcoming trends into your home décor too.

IT'S A NEW YEAR WITH BEAUTIFUL NEW TRENDS.  
**20**  
DESIGN TRENDS  
**15**

#### LOCAL ARTISINAL DESIGN

This bedroom designed by Courtney Lake shows off his trend of locally sourced design.





## KRIS BARNETT

We're seeing a break from predictable interior selections & finishes in 2015. With more options beyond the standards and durable finishes making a comeback, homeowners are doing their research and comparing price points with longevity. I'm hearing clients question wood flooring and the abuse it will take vs. the investment.

Vinyl flooring for example is no longer the nasty material you remember from childhood. It's almost impermeable, ranges in quality, thickness, appearance, application and price point. Vinyl plank flooring mimics wood so well now that most people are hard pressed to see the difference.



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**DESIGN TREND: LESS PREDICTABLE**

This design from Kris Brigden incorporates some materials that are a little less predictable. The choice of floors give this room a unique look.





Not to be left out, kitchens are also benefiting from this trend too. Cabinet-makers are now filling orders for full MDF (Medium Density Fiberboard) cabinet doors when the kitchen design calls for paint. Traditionally shaker doors for example, are constructed with a raised wood panel and an MDF center, and then painted.

Why the change to these new materials? A couple of reasons. First, they are very durable. They withstand humidity and temperature changes that promote cracking and warping of both the door and the paint. They are also cost effective when compared to their traditional counterpart.

I have recently installed a 9,000 sq/ft home with vinyl plank flooring. The vinyl plank sample was shown to the clients along with samples of solid wood, engineered, and laminates. Their first choice was the vinyl, based on appearance. Then I told them it was vinyl. It's an impressive house in its own right, but first time visitors always comment on how beautiful the flooring is.

Before you choose that predictable option for your home, do your research, look into alternatives that truly fit your lifestyle and not the Jones'. Weigh out the pros and cons and go with the biggest bang for your buck.

