



Bold and colorful patterns, such as on this kitchen backsplash, floor and pillows, will be a hot trend in 2020.  
KERRIE KELLY DESIGN LAB

## For 2020, go bold

Patterns, mixed metallics part of a modern mood

**Expect more bold patterns and a bit of disco flair in the year ahead.** That's the home fashion forecast coming out of this summer's designer showcases.

But 2020 also will have a softer side with floral-inspired pastels and luxurious fabrics. The trick comes in finding a balance – and the right combinations.

Designer Kerrie Kelly of Sacramento's Kerrie Kelly Design Lab saw plenty she liked during this summer's industry markets. Here are her highlights:

**Q: What design elements will be new and different in 2020?**

Kelly: Color (in the kitchen) and sky high patterned backsplashes. Backsplashes are getting taller and taking up the entire wall in kitchen and bath spaces. Long, narrow rectangular tile, subway tile, and small mosaic backsplashes provide visual impact.

Meanwhile, appliances are moving from stainless to matte black and every color in the rainbow. You will see the same for cabinetry.

**Q: What trends seem to be sticking around?**

Kelly: Mixing metals and materials. Sparkle is still on the design scene for living room décor compositions for the upcoming year. Adding a hint of disco glamour and luxury by introducing bronze, gold and chrome metallic details through decorative accents, furniture inlays, hardware, lighting, mirrors and accessories is right on point with the mood of modern interiors.

**Q: Patterns, florals, stripes, solids; what upholstery fabrics will we be seeing more? Any particular hot colors or textures for 2020?**

Kelly: The traditional beauty of floral patterns, either abstracted or straight-up chintz, will continue to be the pattern to use, especially when paired with deep luxurious velvets and maximalist-styled spaces.

But home designer beware: Chintz can be tricky. Its bold, old-fashioned prints can easily turn to frilly English bed-and-breakfast if you're not careful. When done right, the floral theme can add color, texture and just the right touch of classic elegance to your interior.

**Q: Are dark woods making a comeback?**

Kelly: Wood tones are being mixed and run the gamut in tones. From ebony to grayed woods, blonde to walnut, mixing and matching has never been more authentic or accepted in interiors. Buy what you love and your wood furnishings will soon find an ideal spot in your home.

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