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C.P. Hart travelled to Cersaie in Bologna and London's Decorex International to track down the key trends at these hugely influential design exhibitions. The themes displayed by both established brands and up-and-coming makers give us a clear idea of what we can expect to see in the coming year when it comes to wall and floor coverings, sanitaryware, furniture and accessories. Read on for a summary of these trends, along with a selection of products you can incorporate into your home.



Trend 01 // Pattern Power



Trend 02 // Bold Neutrals



Trend 03 // The Natural Home



Trend 04 // Satin Sheen





Trend 05 // Accessorize

Trend 01 // Pattern Power

Patterned porcelain and bold geometric shapes dominated the tile scene at this year's Cersaie exhibition. Over the past few years, there has been a tendency towards floralinspired ceramic tiles, which have now been replaced by vivid colours that are being viewed as the new 'neutral'. These include greens, reds, mustards and pastels, used in collaboration with coloured grout for an unexpected contrast. Terrazzo tiles with both small or larger grains continue to grow as a bathroom trend, whilst the strong retro vibe of geometric patterned tiles allow for a more eclectic modern bathroom experience. Meanwhile, super-sized botanical scenes created using either mosaic or square tiles were also spotted on many displays.











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Trend 02 // Bold Neutrals

This year has proved that blue is still very much the go-to hue when it comes to wall coverings, tiles and furnishings. This versatile and universally appealing colour has been displayed in all manner of shades, from bold and bright to soft and muted, however deeper tones prove to be the most striking, especially when coupled with gold fixtures. We have also seen an influx of matt finish lacquers in bold neutrals – such as blush pink, sage green and shiitake brown - being used as an alternative to wood finishes, for those seeking a more subdued finish. What's more, marble and stoneeffect porcelain slabs are now being applied as furniture fronts, as well as on counter tops and for basins.





Trend 03 // The Natural Home

The Scandi-inspired look is here to stay, lending a softer edge to dark winter months. This minimalist aesthetic embraces clean lines and functionality with pale timbers such as ash and light oak. This latest wave of light, bright furniture and flooring not only creates a calming effect, it can also be effortlessly partnered with a whole spectrum of colours, from soft pastels to dark industrial tones. However, it should be noted that darker tones were also prevalent at the design shows, with natural American walnut and quarter-sawn oak shown prominently on furniture, bringing back a sense of warmth to the bathroom.



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Trend 04 // Satin Sheen

Warm metallics continue to dominate in the interiors world and the finish of choice at the moment seems to be of the brushed and buffed variety. We spied light fixtures, taps, handles and basins all with a tactile satin brass finish that can be used in both modern and classic settings. The subtle hint of gold pairs particularly well with dark woods and warm tones.





Trend 05 // How to Accessorize with Wicker

There have been plenty of tales of the handmade at this year's Decorex exhibition, with artisans showcasing their weaving and plaiting skills. These woven pieces are a nod to the nomadic trend, celebrating handcrafted style and global eclecticism. These design intricacies can bring warmth and interest to neutral backdrops. Incorporate the trend into the bathroom by accessorising with a rattan tissue box cover, a plaited leather mirror or a hand-woven screen if space allows.







Trend 05 // How to Accessorize with Clusters of Lights

In amongst the mid-century modern chandeliers and statement wall sconces that have been prominent in the interiors world this year, has been an abundance of cluster lights cascading from above. Whether you opt for coloured glass orbs or brushed metallic pendants, this dramatic lighting feature proves there's strength in numbers.





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