



Ask the Realtor: Designing Trends

Thinking of remodeling or selling next year? Take a look at what is predicted to be IN and OUT next year.

Floral fabrics and wallpaper are making a comeback. Traditional floral patterns, abstracted or straight up chintz will be the pattern to use. No more shiplap or trellis shaped patterns on walls. And the day of the single accent wall is gone.

Color and texture in rooms are in style. Rooms without color are out. Cool gray walls are waning. Try hazelnut, pewter or a soft clay. Mix styles and color, don't having everything the same.

Mix and match metal accents. A combination of two or three different metals (gold with aged iron, or silver/pewter with bronze) compliment each other well. But don't over do it and keep the mixing at a maximum of three types.

For flooring, the trend is light wood colors. They present a more open look and feel. Go for shades of birch or light oak to reflect more light.

Kitchen cabinets are trending to painted deep blues, grays and black. These colors are being used for modern and traditional kitchens. Cherry cabinets are out.

Counter tops in the kitchen are also getting a make over with the cabinets. Warmer or darker countertops instead of the all white kitchen. As for material, marble will always be in, but quartz is fast becoming passé.

Bold pattern backsplashes in the kitchen are making their way in. They make the kitchen pop in style and color.

Christmas Caroling

I remember growing up and going out caroling in the weeks before Christmas. That was a long time ago, but it is a tradition that still exists.

In Jamaica Plain, there is a group called the Caroling Mob. They meet at the Orange line and depending on the weather, sing on the T or go door to door. This years' mob meets Dec 16 at 4pm. All are welcome to join the crowd.

At the Worcester Medical Center on Summer St on Dec 13 at 6:30 pm, Reliant Medical Center and Southboro Medical Center employees go caroling throughout the hospital to spread the Christmas cheer. Anyone is welcome to join.

South Acton's Congregational Church on School St has caroling and a potluck dinner on Dec 9 from 4 to 8:30. All are welcome.

Sunday December 18 at noon, meet at the town hall in Gardner and stroll through the downtown shops singing Christmas carols. As a special treat, the Mayor (Hawke) will be leading the way.

If you don't want to participate in caroling there are plenty of places you can go to soak up the Christmas spirit and hear others caroling.

Duck Soup in Sudbury has carolers and Santa on Dec 8 from 12 - 4.

Dec 1st at the Holden Town Hall, listen to the Girl Scouts Christmas caroling at 4:30 with Santa's arrival at 5:00 and the traditional tree lighting.

Check your local towns Facebook page or newspaper. There are plenty of free events this time of year. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

If you are considering buying or selling, let's work together and make it a realty reality.

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