



The Warm-Up
Interior designer Karin Bohn taps old-world Italy to inspire a Vancouver penthouse with a rich, earthy palette and distinct '70s vibe.



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"We're noticing furniture that does an updated take on mid-century or '70s-era pieces."

—STEPHANIE BROWN, STEPHANIE BROWN INC., VANCOUVER



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"You have to be retro to be modern right now."

—KARIN BOHN, HOUSE OF BOHN, VANCOUVER

LA DOLCE VITA

As mid-century modern matures to embrace the '70s, there's a universal thaw on snow-white interiors.

» Mid-century modern isn't loosening its grip on the West just yet, but we find it maturing with a warmer palette and rich materials straight out of the '70s. Luxe browns, caramels and burnt oranges interrupt once all-white colour schemes. Designers Stephanie Brown and Denise Ashmore forecast an influx of natural and matte textures: think weather-beaten nude leathers, glass forms, natural woods (stained dark, oiled or with orange undertones), honed quartz countertops and matte everything (from metal hardware to tiles and painted cabinets). Designer Karin Bohn notes that as the pendulum swings in the opposite direction of clean and minimal (RIP, white-on-white Scandinavian), there's a conspicuous move to retro Italian-style interiors with bold geometric tiles, interesting furniture forms and—one of our favourites—coloured marble, which sees green, yellow, pink and black supplant predictable white. It's not rustic, but sophisticated and refined. It's not a fleeting trend, either—these are just the first stages of a global warming.

Above: Provoke Studios



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1 The wave-inspired Alvar Aalto Collection vase (\$210) is another iconic throwback (circa 1936) that will look right at home with your mod squad of furnishings. informinteriors.com

2 On the art-house side of macramé, we find the Elkeland wall hanging (\$225), a collaboration between artist Ida Elke and Danish powerhouse brand Ferm Living. espacedonline.com

3 Get ready to see a lot more burnt orange and walnut—here the two pair up on Resource Furniture's Danny chair (from \$870). resourcefurniture.com

4 The glass droplet design of the Kaste-helmi collection (bowl, \$41) brings the nostalgia, but you can also find it in a range of contemporary colours—from Easter blues and yellows to on-trend brown. designhouse.ca

5 Tom Dixon's Melt Gold glass pendant (from \$1,375) is the colour of honey and the epitome of retro glamour. informinteriors.com, grshop.com

6 Hip L.A. outfit Bend Goods revives the classic Warren Platner chair with its modern take, the Peacock Lounge (from \$800). providehome.com

7 Designers will be opting for coloured and black marble (like this Fullhouse Modern Big O marble coffee table, from \$1,485) over traditional Carrara and Calacatta. fullhousemodern.com

8 Forward the mid-century movement with modern Scandinavian furniture in rich tones, like this asymmetrical leather Lawndale daybed (\$2,699). cb2.com



Soft Touch
Vancouver designer Stephanie Brown proves that a youthful pastel palette can look fabulously grown-up with brass accents, velvet and natural stone.

CANDY CRUSH

Sunshine pop pastels bring the '80s back to the West.

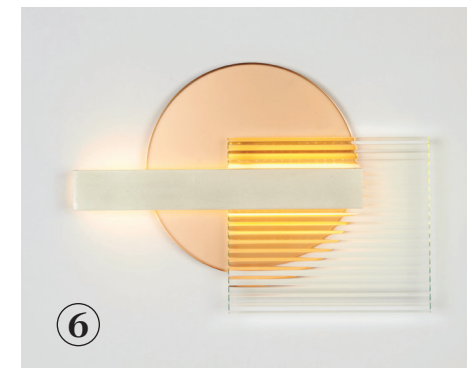
» Each person on our design panel hit on an element of this powerful '80s revival, but saw it manifesting in different ways. What Alykhan Velji calls "Miami circa 1982," Karin Bohn affectionately termed "grandma chic." The whole look revolves around a throwback palette of milky pastels, which started with Pantone's 2016 Colours of the Year, Rose Quartz and Serenity Blue. It's trickling down into everything from furniture to accessories, and Bohn sees it pushing into '90s clash territory next with lime green, dusty burgundy and hits of copper and rose gold. Ceramic pots and tableware come back with a pop-y modern update alongside translucent candy-coloured vessels destined for the coffee table. "Geometric patterns—triangle shapes in particular—are the style of choice in 2017 for metal furniture," says Megan Baker of Project 22 Design; look for them in accent chairs, wire baskets and bowls. Big floral murals add a painterly touch, but, overall, patterns will be downplayed and replaced with pastel shades against brass accents and surprises like camel-coloured leather. This look can skew SoCal mid-century (minimalist modern furniture, ample whites) or more Miami Art Deco (geometrics, glass accents and velvets).

Above: Janis Nicolay



"The '80s are influencing accent colours, with pale pinks and pastel green appearing in furniture and accessories."

—MEGAN BAKER, PROJECT 22 DESIGN, VANCOUVER



"Velvets are making a big comeback in design. Rich upholstery and drapery in this classic fabric provide just the right hit of dramatic sophistication to any space."

—ALYKHAN VELJI,
ALYKHAN VELJI DESIGNS, CALGARY



① Brass and camel-coloured leather team up with pink for a fresh twist on milky pastels. Field Days (\$60) and Lilith pillows (\$63) make a great duo. crateandbarrel.com

② Zoë Pawlak's Taken rug (a collaboration with Burritt Bros., \$10,868 for 8x10) translates splashes of candy colours like blush and dusty blue into everlasting neutrals. burrittfloors.com

③ Vancouver's Lindsey Hampton is killing it with her speckle-clay ceramics in playful pastels—the mugs, the plates, these vessels (pot from \$150, vase from \$175)—we want it all. vanspecial.com

④ Spanish architect and designer Patricia Urquiola brings us back to the future with her iridescent Shimmer console table (\$2,031). informinteriors.com

⑤ The coloured Mercury candleholders (\$5 to \$19 each) are low-commitment opportunities to perk up tables and ledges. westelm.ca

⑥ A bold decade calls for bold lighting. We love the cubism-inspired Kazimir wall sconce (\$2,790) from Ladies and Gentlemen Studio, which combines textured glass and matte metals. lightform.ca

⑦ Sumptuous and sultry, the Jonathan Adler Charade capsule daybed (\$2,750) is palatable glamour with just the right amount of gilded glitz. chintz.com



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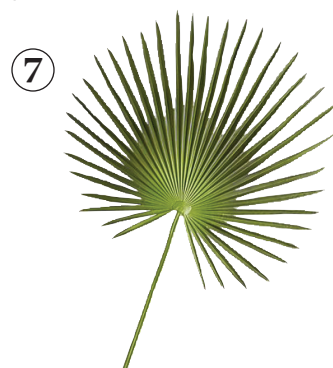
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“When we come home, we want to have less stimulation and more relaxation—to be surrounded by things that are of real importance.”

—ELENA DEL BUCCHIA,
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HOT TROPIC

Luxe jungle scenes transport us to another world.

» This is the interior that radiates “exotic dream vacation.” You’re not putting away dishes on a snowy Canadian Sunday, you’re sipping champers portside, off the shores of a palm tree-lined beach paradise. Call it wishful thinking, but palm prints and tropical scenes pulled from Southeast Asia, Hawaii and Central America are creeping up north. Designer Alykhan Velji notes the jungle fever for palm-leaf print has taken over every surface, imparting the old-world glamour that goes so well with dark woods, exotic patterned tile and bright gold hardware. Modern spaces have long eschewed wild foliage, but a very ’70s indoor-plant craze is seeing the gamut of succulents and real palm fronds materialize in so many designer rooms of late. The tropical trend doesn’t stop there: pineapple motifs are at a fever pitch, and designer Karin Bohn says lemons, limes and oranges are on the way. Watch as terracotta makes the jump from pots to tile flooring and accessories, with retro arches and texture-rich wicker and caning poised to make a comeback. Designer Elena Del Bucchia also foretells a return to cozy, lived-in furniture—hello, linen!—and inherited pieces that have a story (all the more reason to collect treasures on your travels). ///

Imported Elegance
“Moroccan tiles with unique patterns and colours provide a great pop of colour,” says Alykhan Velji. The Calgary designer combines them with on-trend dark woods and palm leaves in this exotic entryway.



1 Earthy orange terracotta shows up on all kinds of accessories and accoutrements, like this Fresh carafe from Normal Studio (\$125). espacedonline.com

2 The far-from-kitschy gold cross-hatched Pineapple tumbler (\$99) is going to give you new reasons to entertain. atkinsonsofvancover.com

3 Textile design whisperers Wolfum (based in sunny L.A.) pair rich ash with eye-catching pattern in the Rampli Axo tri-bowl (\$114). wolfum.com

4 The texture-rich Amara herringbone hamper (\$225) is handwoven by Senegalese women using silver, cream and white plastic strips and natural grasses. thecrossdesign.com

5 Indulging in the finer things isn’t exclusive to your vacation—make use of Tom Dixon’s mouth-blown Tank low- and high-ball glasses (from \$88) whenever you get the chance. informinteriors.com, grshop.com

6 A geometric pattern outlined in black resin adds a contemporary touch to the Bone Inlay side table (\$644). westelm.ca

7 Channel the jungle vibe with true-to-life (but impossible-to-kill) fan palms (\$32), perfect for centrepieces and floor vases. cb2.com

8 Bring home the lush, tropical rainforest to any corner of your Canadian home with this contemporary tropical mural from Area Environments (\$25/square foot). areaenvironments.com

9 Wicker and rattan returns, but in modern shapes—like with the Comet Basket chair (\$598) in a pleasantly familiar scoop design. nineteen.com



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“Wicker is popping up in all kinds of home decor elements—especially in furniture. It brings in texture and an unexpected quality to a space.”

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Above: Joel Klassen

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