



# DESIGN TRENDS

2026: PUSHING DESIGN FURTHER

Explore the evolving styles shaping homes in 2026

# LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD.

This year signals a new chapter in residential design — one defined by thoughtful innovation, refined creativity, and a stronger connection to the spaces we call home. As design continues to evolve, 2026 is set to shape how we live, move, and interact within our environments. From considered material choices to confident, expressive colour palettes, the year ahead will focus on balance — where beauty meets performance and form supports function. Homes are becoming more personal, more intentional, and more responsive to modern lifestyles. At Intero, we specialise in bespoke renovations that bring emerging design trends to life. From kitchens and bathrooms to full-home transformations, we work closely with our clients to design spaces that reflect individual style while meeting the practical demands of everyday living. In 2026, we expect to see a continued emphasis on sustainability, functionality, and personalisation. Homeowners are seeking spaces that feel meaningful and enduring — environments that embrace innovation while remaining timeless.

In this brochure, we explore the design trends set to define 2026. Whether you're planning a renovation or simply looking for inspiration, we invite you to explore what's next in home design. To learn more about our services and view past projects, visit [www.intero.com.au](http://www.intero.com.au).

Let's explore the possibilities of 2026, together.



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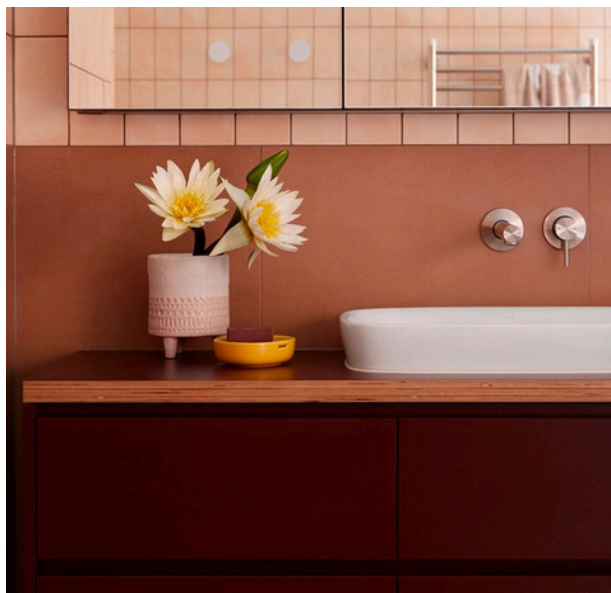
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# COLOUR TRENDS



Warm and earthy tones, such as Laminex Moroccan Clay and Kalamata, are dominating the design landscape.

These rich, grounding hues brought depth and character to spaces, offering a bold yet inviting palette that reflected a connection to nature. Perfect for bathrooms, kitchens, and living areas, these colours are paired beautifully with natural textures like timber and stone. The versatility of these tones allowed for both striking contrasts and cohesive monochromatic schemes, making them a favourite among designers and homeowners alike.

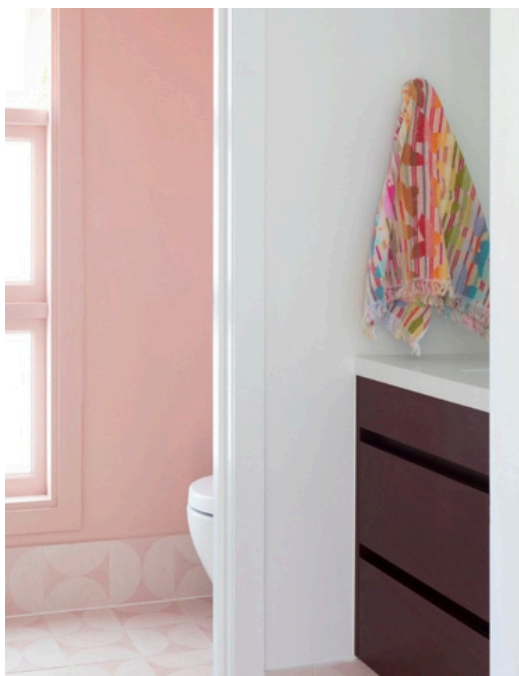
As we look ahead, it's expected that these earthy tones will continue their influence into the next year, evolving further as homeowners and designers seek warmth, sophistication, and timeless appeal in their interiors. Their adaptability ensures they will remain a go-to choice for creating spaces that feel both modern and grounded.



Moroccan Clay Laminex



Kalamata Laminex

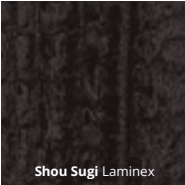


Laminex Alpine Mist and Platypus have emerged as standout choices among the younger generation of homeowners, who are seeking a balance of subtle sophistication and bold expression. The soft, neutral tones of

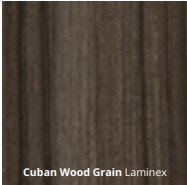
Alpine Mist bring a sense of calm and tranquility to any space, while the rich, earthy hue of Platypus adds depth and personality. This palette reflects the modern aesthetic preferred by today's homeowners—clean, minimal, and effortlessly stylish. The combination works seamlessly with warm timber accents and curved cabinetry, creating a space that feels contemporary yet welcoming. These tones are not just trendy; they're versatile and enduring, making them a popular choice for those designing spaces with longevity and impact in mind.



Darker tones are taking centre stage as homeowners embraced bold and dramatic interiors. Laminex Shou Sugi, with its deep charcoal finish, and Cuban Wood, showcasing rich, textured elegance, became standout choices for creating sophisticated and moody spaces. These colours exude luxury and modernity, offering a striking contrast to lighter materials or a cohesive, monochromatic aesthetic when paired together. This trend toward darker hues reflects a shift in design preferences, with homeowners seeking spaces that feel intimate, grounded, and full of character. Shou Sugi and Cuban Wood are perfect for those looking to make a statement while maintaining timeless appeal, proving that darker designs are here to stay.



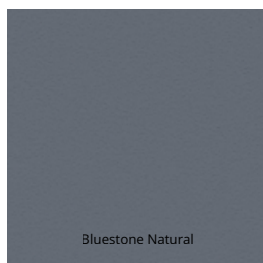
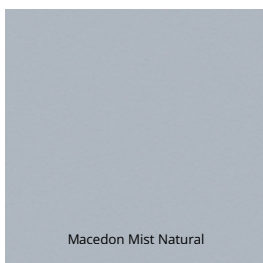
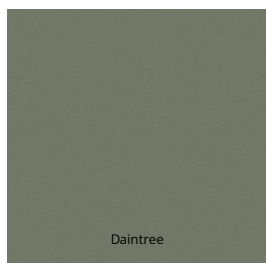
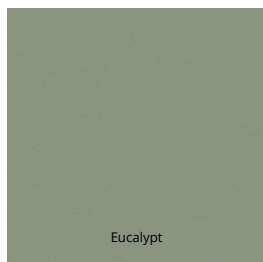
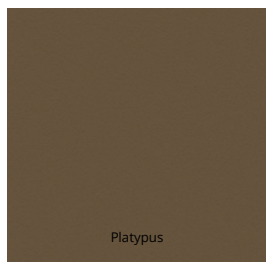
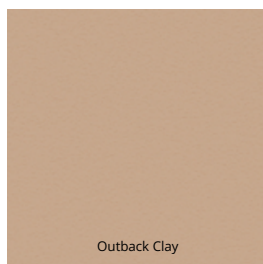
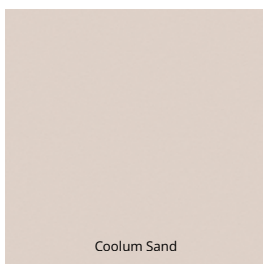
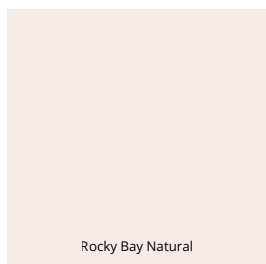
Shou Sugi Laminex



Cuban Wood Grain Laminex



# LAMINEX FAVOURITES





We are seeing an exciting evolution in materials, blending sustainability with cutting-edge design. Neolith stone continues to shine with its eco-friendly, durable surfaces, perfect for high-traffic areas and bold kitchen benchtops. These innovative materials not only enhance the beauty of interiors but also contribute to more sustainable, functional designs that meet the needs of today's homeowners.

# MATERIAL INNOVATIONS



# NEOLITH

Neolith offers a stunning range of high-performance stone surfaces, combining beauty with practicality. Known for its sustainability, Neolith is made from 100% natural raw materials and is fully recyclable, making it an eco-friendly choice for modern homes. The range includes a variety of colours and finishes, from luxurious marble-inspired designs to bold, minimalist styles, perfect for kitchen benchtops, splashbacks, and even outdoor spaces. Neolith's surfaces are highly durable, heat-resistant, scratch-resistant, and easy to maintain, ensuring they withstand the demands of everyday life while retaining their elegance. Whether you're looking for a sleek, modern design or a more classic, timeless look, Neolith offers unmatched versatility and long-lasting quality.



Calacatta Royale Neolith

# ARCHITECTURAL STYLES

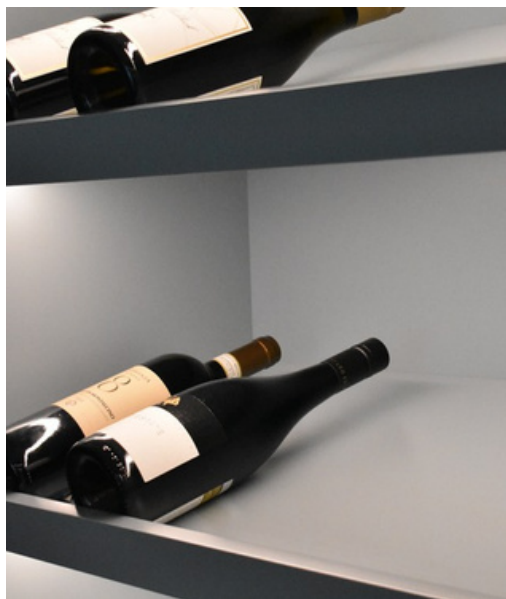


Integrated joinery has become a cornerstone of modern architectural design, seamlessly blending functionality with clean, minimalist aesthetics. In 2025, this trend was elevated through the use of concealed cabinetry, custom shelving, and integrated handles that create sleek, uninterrupted lines. We expect to see this continue through to 2026 and beyond as its versatility and uniqueness is desired. Whether in kitchens, living rooms, or wardrobes, this approach reflects the growing demand for tailored solutions that elevate both the form and function of a home.



# TECHNOLOGY

Technology revolutionised home design, making spaces smarter, more efficient, and seamlessly connected. Integrated solutions like automated lighting and smart storage systems by Hettich are becoming standard in modern renovations. The trends incorporated built-in charging stations, hidden compartments, and motion-sensor lighting to enhance functionality.





# SUSTAINABILITY

At Intero, we are dedicated to reducing our environmental footprint through conscious practices. During renovations, we partner with organisations to repurpose materials from demolitions, including kitchen carcasses and appliances, giving them a new lease on life instead of sending them to landfill. By embracing this approach, we ensure that our projects contribute to a more sustainable future while supporting businesses committed to reusing materials. Together, with our suppliers and innovative recycling solutions, we're making strides toward a better, greener world.

# NEOLITH HETTICH LAMINEX

Laminex leads the way in sustainable materials with products designed to minimise environmental impact. Their commitment to using low-emission finishes, sustainably sourced timber, and recycling waste materials ensures their range contributes to healthier, eco-friendly homes. Laminex's dedication to sustainability extends to manufacturing, with a focus on reducing water and energy consumption.

Hettich combines innovation with responsibility by offering hardware solutions that prioritise longevity and sustainability. Their hinges, runners, and drawer systems are crafted to last, reducing the need for replacements. Hettich also adopts sustainable manufacturing practices, emphasising energy efficiency, waste reduction, and eco-friendly packaging in their operations.

Neolith surfaces are crafted using 100% natural raw materials, making them fully recyclable at the end of their lifecycle. Their sustainable production process incorporates solar energy, water recycling, and minimal waste generation. Neolith is a Carbon Neutral company, ensuring their products not only beautify homes but also leave a positive impact on the planet.



# PROJECT SHOWCASE

# BLAIRGOWRIE

This stunning kitchen renovation in the coastal town of Blairgowrie perfectly embodies the trending contemporary styles of 2026. With its seamless blend of natural materials and sleek design, the space captures the relaxed, yet refined coastal vibe that Blairgowrie is known for.

The centrepiece of this project is the exquisite timber veneer joinery, which adds warmth and texture to the space while maintaining a clean and minimalist aesthetic. The natural grain of the timber complements the surrounding coastal environment, seamlessly integrating the interior with its scenic location. For the benchtops, the client selected a natural stone from G-lux, chosen for its unique design and luxurious feel. This feature enhances the industrial-inspired vision of the customer, offering both durability and timeless elegance. The combination of organic textures and bold industrial elements delivers a truly one-of-a-kind result.

The client's vision was brought to life with thoughtful details, such as clean lines, durable materials, and a layout designed for both functionality and style. The kitchen radiates a contemporary feel while remaining inviting and practical—an ideal space for both entertaining and everyday living.

**This Blairgowrie kitchen project showcases how trending materials and design approaches can be tailored to fit the personality of the homeowner and the character of the surrounding environment.**



# LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD.

As we step into 2026, the design landscape is set to continue its evolution toward thoughtful innovation and refined living. We expect to see a growing emphasis on natural materials, sustainable choices, and spaces that balance everyday functionality with considered design. Curved forms, integrated joinery, and expressive stone elements are poised to remain key features, paired with warm, layered finishes that bring depth and character to the home.

Looking ahead, sustainability will play an even greater role, alongside smart design solutions and technology that enhances how spaces are used and experienced. More than ever, design in 2026 will be about tailoring environments to suit individual lifestyles — creating homes that feel intentional, personal, and built to last.

At Intero, we're excited by what the year ahead holds. We remain committed to leading with innovation, craftsmanship, and care, designing spaces that feel current yet timeless, and bringing our clients' visions to life as new trends begin to take shape.



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