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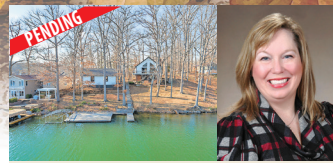
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OFFICE SPACE

2023's top colors for painting your home office

BY HUNTER BOYCE, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION | PHOTO BY TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

A new year means a new look. With more people working inside of their homes than ever, now is the perfect time to consider giving that home office a new coat of paint. But don't just recoat it. Give it a new personality by using one of this year's top home office paint color trends.

HALE NAVY BY BENJAMIN MOORE

If you are looking for the best of both worlds, Hale Navy by Benjamin Moore offers a darker paint that still has enough colorful pop to level up your home office space.

"Bringing back color is something we are seeing strong for 2023," House Sprucing owner and principal designer Heather Fujikawa told Veranda. "Color drenching walls in darker colors is all the rage and we love this Hale Navy paint color by Benjamin Moore that brings the perfect hue of navy blue."

CITRUS

While inky blacks can give your home office depth, blotches of vibrant color can give it a more cheerful personality. One of the most popular options this year is citrus.

"Small shots of big citrus bring excitement to a space without creating visual overwhelm," interior designer Jackie Terrell told Good Housekeeping. "It's like a punchy-colored throw pillow for

the wall. When used in a specific area of wall, it defines a space and everything looks good against this yellow green. Even beige!"

INKWELL BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

Home offices are often given the smaller of the house's bedrooms, making space a valuable commodity. Luckily, dark colors can help make the most of that home office space.

"Dark colors in smaller spaces can pack a punch and make a huge impact just through tone and depth of paint," Miretta Interiors' Zandy Gammons told Elle Decor. "In this case, we created a focal point by using Inkwell, a really dark but neutral paint color. The art and other details make for a contrast that is more noticeable than if they were hung on lighter walls."

VIVA MAGENTA BY PANTONE

If you're looking for a real punch of color, go all out with a coat of Viva Magenta by Pantone.

"If your work relies on you being creative and full of energy, then Viva Magenta, Pantone's 2023 Color of the Year, is great for invigorating home offices and boosting your energy," Ryan McDonough, interior design expert at Myjobquote.co.uk, told House Beautiful. "Raspberry is also a color that's tipped to be big."

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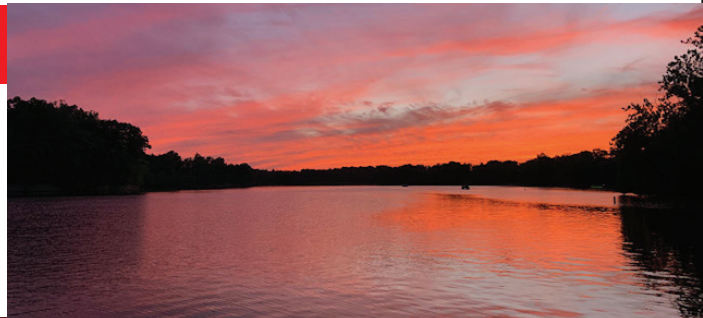
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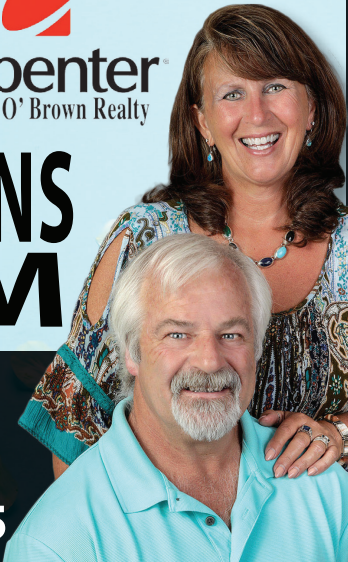
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So Long, Neutrals

2023's trends include bold colors, luxe textures

BY KATIE LAUGHRIDGE, TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE | PHOTOS BY TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

After the past few years of nonstop neutrals trending, in 2023 we're anticipating a return of color in home decor, paint colors and bedding. With the return of color, we're seeing that creating sumptuous, inviting spaces is top of mind for designers and homeowners alike. There's a focus on creating restorative rooms, with a big trend toward creating luxurious bedrooms and reinventing modern takes on classic textiles.

Here are a few of our takes on the trends you'll see popping up like crocuses this spring season.

BOLD COLORS IN THE LIVING ROOM

Introducing color to your living room can sometimes feel as daunting as it does dazzling. While many might first run to throw a new can of paint on the walls, you might instead look to your furniture. A colorful sofa (or chair or accent table) is an exciting way to liven up a living space.

In this bold and beautiful design, a fern green sofa pops against the warm neutral tones in the pillows and rug. Typically when introducing color, I carry the theme throughout the design. But in this case, this statement sofa is bold enough to act alone. This earthy color story is the perfect backdrop to the dash of blue found in the skirted swivel chairs, artwork and tabletop vignette. Because these colors are all muted in tone, they don't feel overwhelming to the eye. It's a perfect introduction to color without going over the top.

KEEPING IT NEW TRADITIONAL

Bringing traditional into modern day, New Traditional style emphasizes the comforts and conveniences of modern life while still maintaining the refined elegance of traditional design. New Traditional furniture tends to favor shapes and styles that have stood the test of time, but often in a more streamlined presentation and lighter or more practical fabrics (enter: my love of performance fabrics).



In this inviting New Traditional design, the color palette is refreshed with lighter shades of classic blues and creamy off-whites to keep the look familiar but updated.

I find the painted wicker coffee table to be so interesting. This piece gets points for creativity and versatility. The shape could range from preppy to eclectic, depending on the space. This fantastic piece carries classic lines, a hallmark of New Traditional, but the scalloped detailing adds a dash of whimsy.

A TEXTURE-RICH SPACE

It's all about luxe spaces and touchable textures this season, though we'd argue that's a hallmark of good design that's never gone out of style.

In this look, the wooden texture of the pool chair and cocktail table add dimension to what could have been a textile-heavy space. If you're feeling more daring in your design, contrast may actually act as your

friend. It may seem counterintuitive, but going for high-contrast wood tones can actually work seamlessly. Playing with contrast adds visual interest and gives a design more depth while repeating shades gives the space a feeling of continuity. If your wood tones are all over the place, it can be helpful to create flow with your color palette. Pops of pinky-reds and blue are the anchor to this bold and refreshing living space.

FRESHENING UP THE TABLETOP

Black and white are a first-class combination. These colors have a classical appeal that adds instant sophistication, depth and character to any space. But what happens when we add a little green? When paired with black and white, green creates a wonderfully fresh, modern and energetic environment instantly.

This design is a flawless example. A block-printed runner in lime is the perfect pair to the texture found in the hand-painted dishes found at each place setting. A pop of light green in the stack of dishes is enough to carry the color throughout the space, but not enough to overwhelm the design. Carrying the lush verdant color throughout the tablespace is the addition of a fresh fern. The color palette is expertly finished off with natural wood tones, lending to the casual modernity of the space.

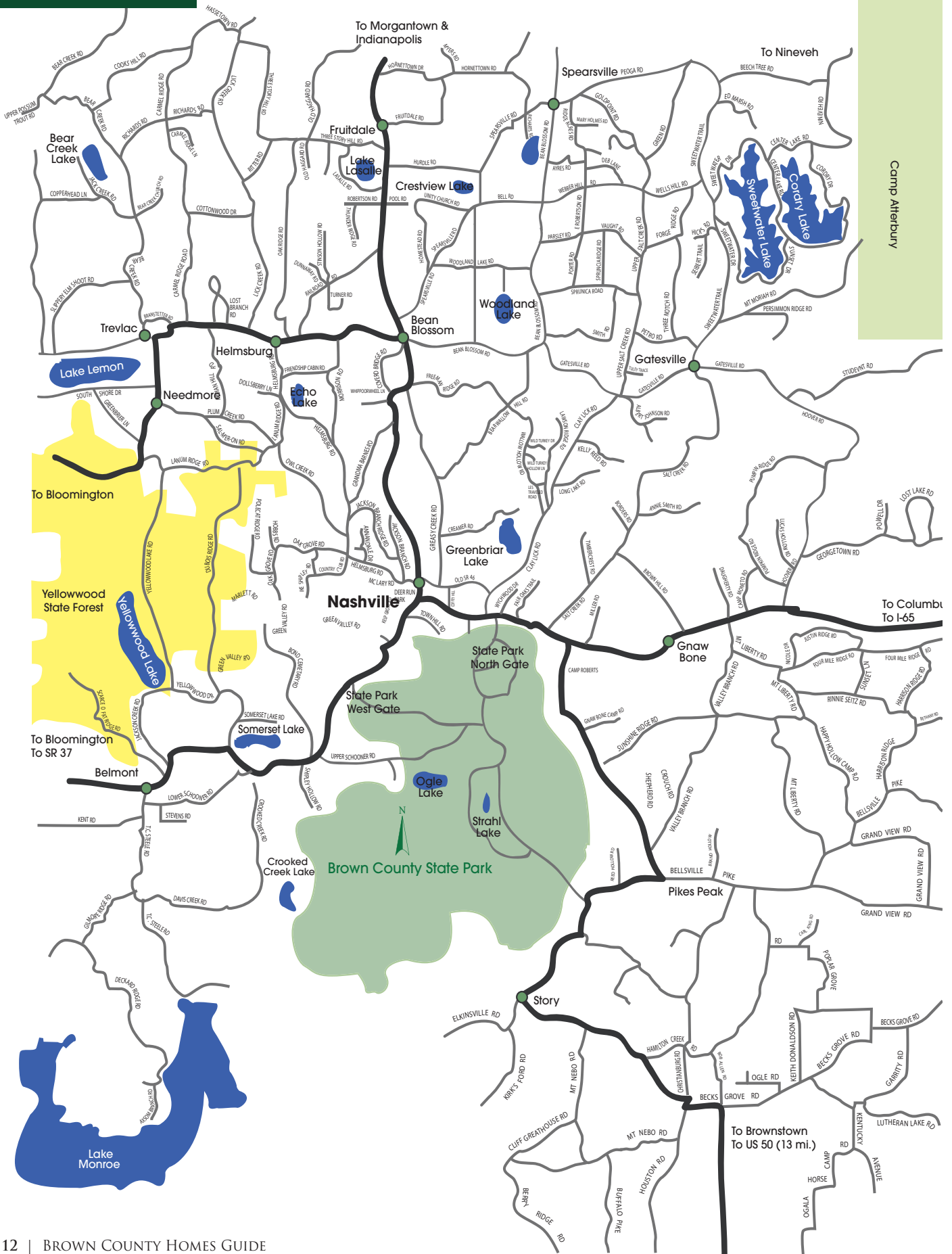
A DELICATE DESIGNER BED

Shining like a crown jewel, this month's designer bed is created by our lovely designer, Anne. It features crisp neutrals with just a dash of color, which can be found in the Asian toile and tape trim.

LUXE BEDROOM LIVING

While we prepare for spring as the weather remains chilly, we love to play up neutral plaids and pop them with an earthy yet rich mossy green. A dash of cow hide (a printed fabric, not the real deal) adds a touch of whimsy in this otherwise sophisticated look.

AREA MAPS







WELCOME HOME

Unexpectedly useful housewarming gifts

BY STATEPOINT | PHOTO BY ADOBESTOCK

Attending a housewarming is a great way to celebrate a friend's new home, but how do you find the perfect present to accompany the visit? These unique gift ideas are not only bound to make a statement, they're incredibly useful to boot.

Fix-it essentials: For practicality at its absolute best, pack up some must-haves for the house. Include a hammer, screwdrivers and some Original Duck Tape brand duct tape to help your friends get all those initial DIY projects handled – and cover bases for any future projects and everyday fixes that may pop up.

Plant some love: Flowers are always a great way to brighten a day, but why not offer something that can brighten a space for years to come and grow with the household? Bring over a gorgeous houseplant or orchid for a gift that lasts and makes your friends think of you every time they see it. Tie on a sweet note and a ribbon for a fun, personal touch.

Organization must-haves: Create a welcome home gift that will prove useful for years to come. Put together a basket that includes all those essentials we sometimes forget, like high-quality hangers, drawer organizers, rubber bands and

paper clips for paperwork. Include additional essentials, such as Duck Max Strength Nano-Grab Gel Tape for securing miscellaneous items, photos and temporary seasonal décor, along with EasyLiner Brand Shelf Liner with Clorox for upgraded home organization.

Stock the bar: Wine is fine, but why not equip your friends with what they need to entertain in the future? Bring over a favorite spirit, mixer and cocktail recipe book to keep the party going. Round out this gift with a cute set of rocks glasses or drink shaker.

Take a photo: In the age of digital photography, you can help make memories more permanent. Bring your newly relocated friends a large empty photo album and toss in a few disposable cameras or instant film camera to start capturing the fun right away. Kick off the entries by including a cute photo of yourself!

Gift giving at a housewarming doesn't have to be stressful. By getting creative with a variety of useful items, you can help make a house a home while making a lasting impression on those you love.



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