

2026 Home Design/Building Forecast from The Plan Collection — Mixed Materials, Architectural Trimwork & Welcoming Tones

The Plan Collection's 2026 Design Trends & Predictions Emphasize Warmth & Craftsmanship in the Home

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EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Plan Collection](#), the pioneer of online home design plans, announces its annual home design and building predictions and trend report. After several years of turmoil from high interest rates and inflation, in 2026, house design will be all about creating a warm and welcoming space. Design will be creative yet with a timeless vibe. A greater appreciation of architecture and craftsmanship will emerge.



Reflecting one of our 2026 trends, this 3-bedroom ranch features a mix of materials to enhance its curb appeal.

“The popular question, ‘How many square feet?’ will come more into balance with what the quality and flexibility of those square feet are. With homeowners moving less frequently than in decades past, they will be upgrading their homes with better and more imaginative materials, architectural details, and fixtures,” says Molliny Viriri, a home design expert at The Plan Collection.

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With insights gained from trusted architects, builders, realtors, contractors, and other housing industry experts, The Plan Collection reveals its top home design and building trends for 2026.

MIXED MATERIALS - INSIDE AND OUT

- Starting with the exterior, a mix of materials will replace the overused black-and-white combination on many homes today. While perhaps still modern farmhouse designs, the materials will set them apart: stone accents, natural woods with warm tones, and painted garage doors. Contemporary homes will include stucco and accent walls of natural wood, while roofing will include metal and tile. The combination of exterior materials will create a home with lasting curb appeal.
- Inside, wood floors' popularity will continue, but there will be more creativity and craftsmanship with the addition of stone and patterned brick floors.

ARCHITECTURAL TRIMWORK

- Homeowners will rediscover an appreciation for architectural trimwork and detailing. Trimwork in the home harkens back to a time when craftsmanship was admired and desired. Fortunately, most trimwork is relatively straightforward to install and works within most budgets.

WARM, WELCOMING TONES

- Remember the distressed gray wooden floors of recent years? Instead, in 2026, we will embrace warm, rich tones. Think hardwood floors in honey, rich oak, or chestnut color. Stark white walls will be replaced with muted greens, terracotta, and, if playing it safe, creamy off-whites. To add personality, designers and homeowners will add a touch of bolder color through upholstered chairs, painted bookshelves, or a dresser.

"MODERN" COUNTRY KITCHEN

- This is not the 1990s country kitchen with checkered fabrics and bright white appliances. Instead, in 2026, the country kitchen vibe returns but with a modern, more contemporary look. Cabinets will be painted muted colors, and appliances will blend into the background. The kitchen island will be the center of attention, but might be a different color or surface material than the rest of the kitchen. In all, it will be an inviting, welcoming space.

SIGNATURE LIGHTING FIXTURES

- Whether a tight or extravagant budget, shopping for signature lighting fixtures will be high on the 2026 list. Recessed lighting has dominated new home construction for the past thirty years because it is relatively inexpensive. But they are not particularly warm and welcoming. A single lighting fixture can enhance the entire look and feel of a room. Homeowners will explore their local DIY center, lighting store, or flea market to find their light fixture gem to reimagine each room.

WRAPAROUND PORCH

- In new home construction, builders desire the next trend to distinguish their homes. The 2026 homebuilding trend is also one we consider timeless: the wraparound porch. The wraparound porch offers generous width and allows ample space for rocking chairs, side tables, and a swing. Homeowners want to connect with the outdoors and their neighbors. In 2026, the wraparound porch will do just that.

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