



Interior Motives

Looking ahead at this year's trend-setting color and its perfect pair

Color of the Year Marsala
accented with flattering
teal, smoky surfaces,
reflective metals and black
embellishments.

As a furniture and interior designer, I am always looking for the “next big thing” in the design world. After much research and exploration, I’ve narrowed down current candidates to three most likely to define design in 2015. Here, tops of the now-trending.

The first—Pantone’s color of the year—has become something of a design movement. For 2015, it’s Marsala. On its own, the color is full-bodied, impactful and sophisticated; when used as an accent to many other hues, it’s bold and courageous. Expect to see Marsala paired with and complemented by blues, teal and dusty pinks, while also reaching beyond the interior realm, where it’s poised for colossal acclaim. Like Pantone’s celebrated paints of past years, this robust reddish-brown is sure to inspire the

worlds of fashion, jewelry, and beauty as well.

The second trend is mixed metals in copious combinations and finishes, from chrome and brass to copper and rose-gold. Furniture, home accessories, and decorative hardware are all under the sway of its influence, but expect a prominent presence in accent pieces, such as side and coffee tables, too.

Third is smoky glass and mirrors, serving as a practical yet mysterious (and always eye-catching) feature taking shape mostly as framed oversized mirrors or even wall-to-wall surfaces.

Together, earthy Marsala with mixed metals flattered by enigmatic glass and mirror surfaces give interiors a sophisticated, organic spark of luster, expressing glamour and luxury in a most unique way.