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# ASK AN EXPERT

## “Experiment with shades of terracotta and turmeric to add warmth to timber”

One of my favourite things about welcoming a new year is the influx of new interior trends and the opportunity to overhaul my living space. It's the only new year's resolution I can stick to beyond January.

While 2018 was all about Scandi-inspired minimalism and Millennial Pink, this year we're seeing a shift towards a busier, more lived-in vibe for interiors and homewares.

It's time to retire the macrame wall hangings in favour of an eclectic mix of framed artwork.

Mixed-metal accents will knock brass off its throne and velvet textiles will take a back seat to linen.

For a home that is 2019 personified, try adding hints of Pantone's Colour of The Year, Living Coral, throughout with cushions or an accent chair.

Pantone cited Living Coral as a colour of carefree happiness, saying that it “symbolises our innate need for optimism and joyful pursuits”, a feeling that people might be craving in today's landscape. Although it may seem slightly more pink than orange, Pantone described Living Coral as “an animated, life-affirming shade of orange, with golden undertones.”

Concrete will also be popular for texture this year. From dining tables to statement sculptures, concrete will transform kitchens, bathrooms and living spaces and adds an industrial element to even the prettiest of homes.

My favourite trend to emerge so far? The modern-bohemian look. Think wicker and rattan furniture,



Picture: Pampa

Moroccan prints and artwork that will instil a sense of wanderlust daily. Sunshine and salt water run through our veins here in Queensland, so it makes sense that our homes reflect that laid-back way of life.

Experiment with shades of terracotta and turmeric to add warmth to a backdrop of natural timber.



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**Question: What should I be investing in and what can I save on?**

**Answer:** My suggestion is to invest in pieces that will last a lifetime and aren't likely to date, such as a beautiful piece of artwork or a statement armchair. Save on trend-driven pieces such as cushions and table lamps.

**Question: I'm currently renting; how can I transform my home without making permanent changes?**

**Answer:** Make friends with adhesive hooks and hanging strips. You'll be able to hang prints, photos and wall hangings for a personal touch. Alternatively, layering framed artworks against a wall makes a statement in itself.

**Question: I'm afraid of colour; how can I use Living Coral in my home?**

**Answer:** Baby steps. If you typically shy away from colour, start small. Coral in general is typically bright, so opting for a patterned piece with a coral background, such as a Moroccan floor cushion in the corner of your living area, is a great way to ease into colour and stay on-trend.



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1. Velvet breakfast cushion in sienna, Bambury, \$59.95, [bambury.com.au](http://bambury.com.au)
2. O'Neil square cushion, KAS Australia, \$60, [kasaaustralia.com.au](http://kasaaustralia.com.au)
3. Rainbow cushion, Bambury, \$69.95, [bambury.com.au](http://bambury.com.au)
4. Oasis rattan two-seater chair in honey, Adairs, \$245, [adairs.com.au](http://adairs.com.au)

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