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Spring into Color

Spring is all about beautiful colors. With that in mind, we asked three local interior designers to tell us which paint colors are hot in home design. Here's what they had to say...



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The trendy colors for 2011 are HOT. Vibrancy of color is more important than the actual color selected. You can choose your favorite from turquoise, green, yellow or orange, but the key is to make it bold and bright.



Barbara Green, Sensibly Chic Interior Design



I am having a love affair with Benjamin Moore Storm AF-700. It is strong enough to balance the bright colors we are seeing in fabrics. With Honeysuckle Pink being the color of the year 2011, we need a cool, clean neutral to stabilize the punch. It is calm, cool and sophisticated. It also looks great with a splash of orange, lemon or purple. It is sexy with textured fabrics in cream and tan.

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Shop & Tell

More space and tons of glamour

by Lori K. Tate

L2 has moved and expanded. No worries, it's still located in Downtown Mooree difference is size. The new space is 2,500 square feet, where the former space **sville**, and its new space is just as charming as its former space across the street was. Thwas a mere 500. "Our business has been thriving down here," says owner **Lee-Ann Little**. "I think the one thing that was kind of holding us back was the size."

Now that Little has more size, she can carry more lines. Look for designs by **Free People, Nanette Lepore, LinQ, Ya LA, Waverly Grey** and more. This spring L2 will be carrying shoes by **Jeffrey Campbell**. "We've also picked up a few lower price point lines that are under \$100," explains Little. "We're just able to stock a lot more designers."

The boutique is also able to offer more dressing rooms. "We've got three dressing rooms now, whereas in the old store we had one. One of our dressing rooms is built out much, much larger, and we have a little toy chest in there for little boys and little girls who come in with their moms," says Little. "It's a great little environment for kids also."

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Avalilly's in Cornelius is now carrying **GlamNoir** accessories for those who want to add a little bling to their everyday lives. Think shiny black and gold credit card holders, purse hangers, compacts, bangles, diamond encrusted USB ports, and sparkly keychains featuring crowns and fleur-de-lis.

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GlamNoir accessories at Avalilly's in Cornelius add bling to everyday life.

Now that **Bebe Gallini's in Cornelius** is carrying jewelry by **Mark Edge**, you can accessorize like a celebrity. Courteney Cox Arquette, Jane Fonda, Vanessa Williams, Martina McBride, Drew Barrymore and CNN's Sophia Choi all are loyal fans of the Atlanta jewelry designer.

"He [Edge] collects vintage findings — maybe it's a piece of turquoise or a key or whatever. Then he makes these incredible necklaces and earrings and bracelets. He does this one necklace that you can wear seven ways," says **Carole May**, co-owner of Bebe Gallini's. "It's just a really fun line. It's just something different."

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