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### Designers share the summer's hottest trends

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**SMART technology, furniture for indoors and out, saturated colors, mixed metals...with summer in full force, New York designers have brought new ways to make your home cool, functional and appealing. From the accessible to the rarefied, we asked five leading aesthetes to share the latest trends.**

#### Colleen Newell Senior Director of Design and Merchandising at ABC Home (ABCHome.com)

"As technology becomes more prevalent, there's a want and need for a connection to nature," says Newell, explaining that the summer's big color palettes are inspired by deserts, forests and water. Newell's selling lots of softer looks, too, like the matte finish on ABC's Cobble Hill sofas (\$2,495) or the iridescent shimmer on Glas Italia's side tables (\$2,195).

"It brings a special feeling of nature indoors," Newell notes. "It's like jewelry for your home."

Shimmer also adorns the pink and yellow-glazed Mystic Venus stoneware at ABC's buzzy new vegan restaurant, abcV at 38 E. 19th St. Inspired by sunrise and sunset colors and with prices starting at \$22, the line's produced in Thailand, while vintage Bolivian textiles are also for sale as pillows and runners, starting at \$75. "It's about bringing a sense of soul into your home, not having something mass-produced," says Newell.

Another trend: LED lighting. Newell says she can't keep Nanoleaf's nine-piece set in stock (starting at \$60). The lights can be wall-mounted and controlled by app to create "a city vibe, a sunset vibe, a club energy,"



ABC Home are sourcing natural stoneware and textiles that bring "a sense of soul into your home," says director Colleen Newell.

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"People are looking for products with artistic, layered stories behind them," says Chi, whose firm specializes in design for hospitality clients.

Chi is emphasizing texture and a dash of whimsy, exemplified by the collaboration she recently debuted at Southampton's Mecox

#### Alison Chi Managing director at Tzelan (Tzelan.com)

Gardens with Le Studio Anstoth, which upholstered Tzelan's Vanity Pouf in hand-painted black basket-weave textiles (\$1,895).

For the Ritz-Carlton Singapore's Colony restaurant, Chi enlisted New York industrial designer Jessica Corr to create bamboo chairs with an Edwardian shape

(\$680). "Bamboo is very casual, but we did it in a formal way. We're rethinking organic design as less kitschy, more refined," she says. Chi is also using natural materials like rattan and wicker.

Metals are big this summer, too. With designer David Singer, Tzelan produced a battery-oper-

ated Turning Leaf Lamp featuring pressed Argentinean copper, brass or nickel finishes combined with Czech crystal for a bit of bling (\$1,750, pictured left). "The trend is returning materials to their pure forms, without additives but with innovative finishes," she says.

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