

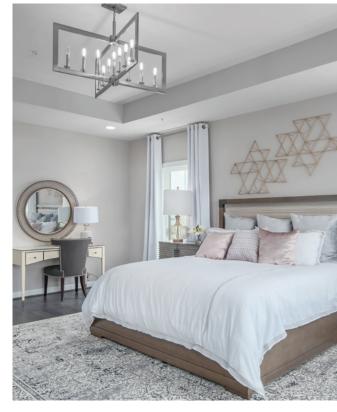
We polled hundreds of homebuyers and design professionals to bring you the top 10 luxury design trends for new homes in 2019.

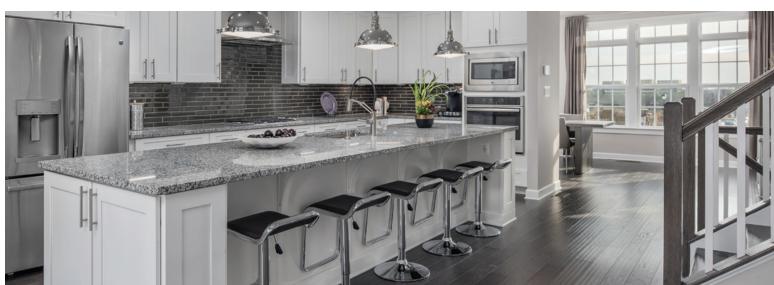
Automated Home Technology

From managing security to controlling the temperature and more, today's homes are not only "smart," they're "thoughtful," taking care of the people inside them and making life easier. New construction presents limitless possibilities for integrating all the systems in the home. Keep connected to lighting, locks, doors and more—all from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

WiFi-Enabled Appliances

Continuing along the home technology trend are WiFi-enabled appliances. Use your voice to control your refrigerator to heat up water for coffee or tea, or to restore the ideal temperature after frequent door openings. Many also integrate with apps like Alexa and Google Assistant. Appliance makers are only beginning to fully realize the potential for automated kitchen appliances. We're excited to watch this trend unfold.





The Waterfall Island

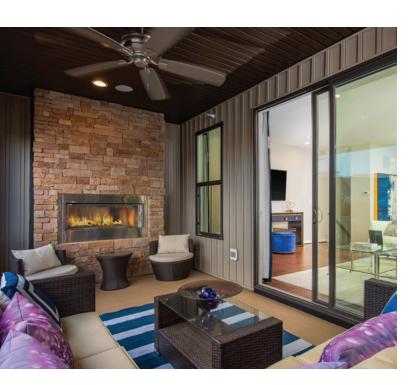
The kitchen island has been reimagined—and the countertops, too. If you're proud of having beautiful granite or quartz countertops, this is a great way to emphasize and showcase them. Not only does a waterfall island add a sleek and modern design touch to your kitchen, as an added bonus it also helps protect your wood cabinets and is easier to keep clean.

Quartz Backsplash

A slab quartz backsplash creates a sleek, custom look that says "luxury" in a kitchen of any size. And when matched with the countertops, the effect is simply stunning. With fewer breaks than tile, this stain-resistant material does a better job at protecting the wall from moisture and is much easier to clean.

Wood-Style Decorative Tile

There's nothing like the warmth and beauty of hardwood, but today's wood-style porcelain tiling comes close. Capturing the rich patina of a broad range of woods, it's perfect for today's modern lifestyles—easy to maintain and clean, scratch resistant and sturdy enough to stand up to heavy use. And if you have kids, you'll appreciate that its smooth surface is impervious to spills and stains.





Wide-Plank Wood Flooring

Looking to create a sense of drama and sophistication in your space? Wide-plank wood flooring makes a beautiful impression. Whether the look you want to create is rustic or modern, the wider planks help create a sense of openness, making rooms feel bigger and more airy.

Integrated Outdoor Living

The comforts and conveniences of indoor living have migrated beyond the modern home's walls, expanding the concept of "living space." Outdoor kitchens, fireplaces, video centers, audio speakers and ambient lighting have become more and more popular, helping to make backyards the largest and most entertaining "room" in the home.

Mix and Match Cabinets

There are many ways to add color to your kitchen—but if you really want to add a zap of personality, mixing cabinet colors will give your space that designer's edge. While matching cabinetry has its appeal, using different finishes, multiple stains or the right mix of painted wood can really bring your kitchen to life and make it the centerpiece of the home.

Commercial-Grade Kitchen Faucet

While high-end, commercial-grade appliances have been popular in kitchens for some time, home chefs can complete the look with restaurant-style faucets. More than just decorative, they have spouts high enough to fit tall pots or tall stacks of plates underneath. Efficient and industrially chic, these "haute water" faucets are designed to transform any kitchen into a true culinary workspace.

Long-Lasting LED Fixtures and Bulbs
In today's homes, even the lighting has become more sophisticated, stylish and house-friendly. Unlike other bulbs, LEDs use much less electricity, produce very little heat, are environmentally friendly and last for an extremely long time. How often do you need to change

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