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become part of one's home decor, on the exterior as well as the interior. Pods and plants can be placed in any part of the home to give private spaces a more homely feel. Hang them in pods and capsules or have them in vases and vessels of any shape and size - greens and flora are known to make people happier, help one recharge and even become more productive, apart from bringing a sense of "life" into interiors.

MARBLE WALLPAPER (+303%)

Wallpapers continue to be a trusted ally in interior design, but marbled textures take centre stage for 2017. The faux texture provides a quick and easy solution to creating a room that oozes luxury and leaves a lasting impression. Self-adhesive wallpapers also mean that marble motifs can be used on kitchen countertops for a quick fix to old furniture pieces. Once before, marble would radiate a sense of coldness, aloofness or without emotion, but today, the marble effect is seen in a new light. Whether using wallpaper or paint, marble itself and the marble effect on interiors is said to bring drama, luxury and personality to a space. Claimed "the material of the $moment" \ by \ the \ Nottingham \ Post$ and many interior designers, marble disseminates a powerful atmosphere and an elevated mood.

ACRYLIC DECOR (+50%) From tables to floating frames, acrylic decor is slowly climbing the ranks of home decor "must-haves". Some call it the "sister of glass" acrylic now comes in many colours, is made from synthetic polymer and moulded as furniture and accessories that are undeniably



chic. The clear pieces are perfect for creating bright and airy homes as the eyes. Also known as Perspex, Plexiglas or Lucite, start out with small ornamental pieces such as

they do not add any visual weight to



accessory organisers, nightstands, bookends or photo frames to see if this style works for you. Acrylic clear ornaments make great for compact spaces as they appear as "there but not there" and give a sense of added space.

COPPER (+90%)
Copper is the new gold in 2017 with designers moving towards the muted metallic colour. When paired with neutral and pastel tones, copper fits in seamlessly for a room that is dramatic but not displeasing to the eyes. Try it out as accent pieces such as

> geometrical vases or photo frames, trinket dishes and trays, or complement copper

with pastel pink and grey anchor pieces.

For those who have no clue of how to dress interiors with copper, check out Crate & Barrel's wide range of coppercoloured home accessories and copperfinished home accessories. The colour is the perfect accent to add a touch of warm and luxe to interior spaces.

NAVY (+80%)

Black is out and in its place is navy. The versatile deep blue is an elegant yet serious colour that can be paired in many ways to evoke different feelings. The most common pairing with navy blue would be white, to create a maritime-themed room. Navy can also be paired with bright colours for a vivacious and modern look. To create a room that exudes elegance, try repainting the walls with navy blue. Balance out the room with lighter interior design ornamental pieces in whites or neutral colours and use mirrors for maximising light. While navy may not come across as the favourite choice for many Malaysian homes, you should give it a try as the shade is said to conjure a sense of dependability, power and authority, reeling in a sense of classic to any common space. However, take heed when using navy in interiors. Do research to check out various ways to pair and complement other colours with this deep hue that can evoke feelings and emotions.

The trends for 2017 have shifted from something that is just about the outlook to decorating a home that provides a sense of calm and relaxation. Far from just impressing

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the visual, instead, stirring a whole sensorial experience in its entire decor, colour scheme, material and composition of things. After a tumultuous 2016, elements of soothing tranquillity will surely be warmly welcomed within the home. Check out the full list of Pinterest trends by visiting the site online.

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