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Why? Mid-century furniture is notorious for its functionality and it works well in smaller spaces, according to the report. As for traditional, the answer is also somewhat obvious: In uncertain times people tend to look for more security in their spaces. And the familiarity of traditional and classic design elements is truly an antidote.

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RUSTIC VOGUE

Taking its cues from mid-century modern and traditional design, rustic vogue, according to Better Homes & Gardens, brings a sophisticated take on so-called “cottagecore,” adding character

details to modern homes. This style works best within homes that already have interesting features, the magazine says, such as exposed beams or original wood floors, but can also be recreated.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Arts and Crafts movement of the 19th century, born of the Industrial Revolution and lasting well into the 20th century, is, according to the BH&G, an extension of the movement. Its central foundation was to reverse the effects of machine-dominated production and was intended to feature the beauty of hand-made decorative pieces.

BOLD COLORS

Amid a return to tradition and updated takes on older styles, it might seem odd that bold colors are replacing neutral tones seen in the past few years. But according to Modsy, people spending more time at home want a reflection of what they once saw in such spaces such as hotels and restaurants.

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FHA 203b: The most popular FHA government loan. It typically requires a 3% down payment. SOURCE: MLS.com

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