



# INTERIOR MOTIVES

As one of Sydney's most popular interior designers, Greg Natale certainly has his finger on the pulse. We spoke to Greg and asked him to spill the beans, and this year it's all about sleek black and white interiors and a beautiful floor rug to replace busy wallpapers.

## Q&A

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### Trends you're seeing in interior design for 2011?

Black and white is where we're heading for 2011. I also see dove grey, which is wonderful if you're looking for a good neutral. In terms of colour, I don't think it ever goes out and if you do it well, it always looks good.

### What home trends do you think will become popular?

There will be a split between minimalism and traditional. Before, both schools were merged into one, but I think there'll be a huge

division and people will either go with one or the other. The last 10 years have been about blending the two; I don't think mixing traditional pieces in modern interiors is going to be 'cool' anymore!

### Bathroom trends?

Square-looking taps are really hot at the moment and we're starting to steer away from chrome – it's all about black and gold bathroom fittings.

### Must-have furniture piece?

Wallpaper is going mainstream, which is

fantastic, but now it's all about bringing the pattern to the floor, so making the rug the centrepiece and having simpler walls is the go.

### Favourite trend to come?

Granite hasn't really been popular since the 1980s but it's starting to come back again. Pre-finished floorboards are also a favourite and there's a great variety of amazing finishes available.

### What trend from 2010 is over?

Red.

