

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF

# HOUSE TRENDS

Trends come and go, and home designs are no exception. Here's a look at the biggest home trends in the last 100 years.

**1928**

Houses lose their uniqueness as **mass production** takes over • Custom renovations included: hidden storage to hide your alcohol during prohibition • the living room got a facelift • newest thing in kitchen architecture: the **breakfast nook!**

**1948**

Houses are **bigger** than they've ever been yet families prefer spending time in the backyard • What is growing in popularity is **multiple bedrooms** and full bathrooms • The garage is finally **attached** to the house.

**1968**

Homes now have **built in furniture** and custom entertainment centres • Kitchen **appliances** are common in the middle-class • Garages are huge • Ceilings are **vaulted** • Living rooms are sent to the back of the house for privacy.

**1988**

Basements are finally being **finished** • Bathrooms are **carpeted** for some reason • The trendiest homes have floral patterns or polished brass • Walls are covered in large mirrors and **wallpaper**.

**2008**

Beautiful **hardwood** is replacing carpet quickly • Light woods replace what is left of the darker woods • The **whiter** the kitchen, the classier • **Custom accents** are being requested now more than ever • A focus on the bathroom calls for spiral showers and **vessel sinks**.

**1918**

The kitchen has a **gas stove** • You'd be more likely to see **freestanding cabinets** as opposed to built in cupboards • **Wardrobes** (not closets) were in basic square bedrooms.

**1938**

**Art deco** continued from the 20s, with interesting shapes and textures • Clean lines became favourable • For most people, the focus was on **practicality** • For instance, **white** became popular because it was easier to see dirt.

**1958**

**Cookie-cutter** homes are getting bigger and even more popular • The kitchen has a horseshoe-shaped counter • **Islands** appear • The living room is bigger and multi-purpose • For the first time since the 20s the **bungalow** is the home-style of choice.

**1978**

People are now adding **laundry rooms** and central air conditioning • Living rooms are **sunken** • Stairs and mantels get a modern twist • **Exposed brick** walls are all the rage • Don't forget about all the groovy colours!

**1998**

Kitchens are the biggest they have ever been • **Walk-in closets** finally make an appearance • The **fireplace** finally comes back into popularity after being replaced by electric and natural gas heating decades ago.

**2018**

For the first time, houses are **smaller** but we still want at least 2 bathrooms • **Open floor plans** are the defining feature of homes • Garages are turning into **she-sheds** & basements into **man-caves** • Popular styles are rustic, French, or retro inspired • The best designers like **minimalism** and modernism.

