



Upcoming style trends to look out for in 2026

PART 1

Defined Open Plan

Today's homes balance connection with privacy through subtle zoning, spaces that flow together, yet serve distinct functions:

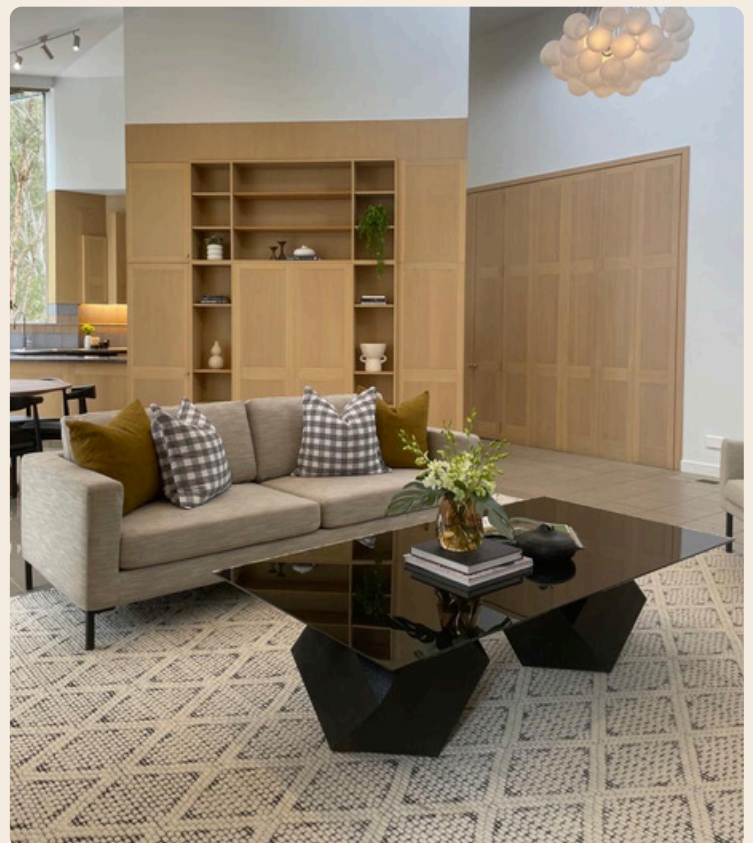


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Dining areas that encourage gathering, kitchens that retain identity and living zones offer quiet retreat.

In 2026 we're seeing a shift towards creating considered passageways as features, moments that guide movement and separate zones subtly without closing them off.

Realzar's Design Tip:
Use lighting, flooring, partitions or furniture to define zones:
pendants over dining tables,
directional lighting for key features, or
rugs to anchor living areas.



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Benchtop Profiles: Understated Statements



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Often overlooked, benchtop profiles are emerging as quiet design heroes, adding depth, craftsmanship, and architectural detail across kitchens, bathrooms, and laundries. From crisp edges to soft curves, they bring personality to even the most restrained spaces.

Realzar's Design Tip:

Introduce a bullnose or double bullnose profile to soften hard edges and complement curved design elements.



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