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## 6 Boston-Area Interior Design Experts on the Most Sought-After Trends for Spring

While the seasons seem to change daily in Boston, the interior design community is already in spring mode. We spoke with 6 Boston experts about the most popular spring design trends, from saturated jewel tones to 360 degree silhouettes.

The Expert: Patrick Planeta, Principal at [Planeta Design Group](#)  
The Trend: Technology & Texture



"Technology continues to play a key role in current design trends. Embracing the innovations is certainly popular this season - whether it's automated glass sliding doors that open to a 90-

degree corner of a room with the simple touch of a button, or an iPhone app that controls a hydraulic hinge system for a secret wine cellar - we think outside of the box and utilize the unexpected. Texture is a major design element. We've utilized it by layering luxurious textures to create surfaces that haven't always been adorned, such as textured wood floors, horsehair walls, or raked cedar ceilings. We've even gone so far as to wrap the horsehair on panels for a concealed acoustical treatment."

The Expert: Meichi Peng, founder of Meichi Peng Design Studio  
The Trend: Hidden Features



"Hidden features is a hot trend right now that I have been embracing in my work for years; I love the less is more mantra. But now more than ever we are seeing it being used in lighting, appliances for kitchen and bath, and even spaces like a powder room that can be completely hidden with incorporated millwork design, which is great for city dwellers who want to maximize space."

The Expert: Laurie Gorelick of [Laurie Gorelick Interiors](#)  
The Trend: 360° Silhouettes



“In spite of resistance from clients, designers love to float furniture in residential spaces. Typical New England colonial architecture might dictate placing furniture against walls. But open plan spaces suggest otherwise. Thankfully, manufacturers are coming out with new upholstery and occasional pieces that beg to be viewed in 360 degrees. This spring, look for these edgy forms to showcase the interplay between positive and negative space and use texture to play up surface contrast.”



The Expert: Gail O'Rourke, White Wood Kitchens  
The Trend: Pet-Friendly Kitchens



"Kitchens aren't just for humans anymore. This spring, homeowners are incorporating their furry family members into their kitchen design plans. From beds and feeding stations built into islands to cabinet storage solutions for food and accessories, there are more options than ever to have a functional space for your pet that doesn't take away from the overall aesthetic."

The Expert: Michael Ferzoco, Founder/President of Eleven Interiors  
The Trend: Saturated Jewel Tones



“In the past 18 months, at least half the clients we've collaborated with loved our concepts for cabinetry (and millwork in general) finished in saturated jewel tones. The color palette runs the gamut from deep blues and greens to warm reds and even black. And the finish is anywhere on the spectrum from matte to gloss. It's bold, certainly. And the effect is moody, dramatic and luxurious. We've painted entire rooms in the same color as the cabinetry or millwork so that decorative elements such as lighting, furnishings and artwork really stand out against that monochromatic backdrop.”

The Expert: Mindy Sevinor, Brand Manager at **Designer Bath and Salem Plumbing Supply**

The Trend: Versatile Functionality



"This spring, it's all about versatile functionality when it comes to kitchen design trends. The culinary workstation by The Galley is new to our Designer Bath showroom and it's already a favorite for its smart and stylish work features, where you can prep, cook, serve, entertain, and clean-up, all in one convenient place. It's a 'Jack-of-all-trades' kitchen product that'll make anyone feel like a professional chef."