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Judging random home design trends by their energy.

This month's guest judge: **Kristen Sheikh, ASID/IIDA**

GOOD CHI

Brushed brass hardware
Banish cold chrome and warm up your space with this soft, warm and beautiful finish. More luxurious than the garish brass of the '70s, brushed brass hardware will make an unexpected, chic impact in your home.

Banishing clutter
De-clog your chi by putting everything where it's supposed to be. If you don't use it everyday, it should be out of sight. Find a place or make a place for every item—or send it on its way.

Black-and-white photography
Make an impact with groupings of black-and-white photographs. Displaying a chic family-photo vignette will have guests wondering if you had a photo shoot with Annie Leibovitz.

Accent walls
The days of the lone painted wall in a bold color are over. Unify your space with a beautiful wallpaper that adds a pop of personality.

Golden oak trim
This dark trim makes the room feel small and weighted down. Brighten up and paint trim a light color to complement walls and floors.

Lacquered ceilings
Increase the glow in your rooms! A shiny ceiling reflects ambient light like a muted mirror. Everyone will be lit like a movie star.

White subway tile with dark grey grout
Make a statement with wall-to-ceiling white subway tile with contrasting grey grout. It's easy to keep clean, and the grout patterns act like pop art in your kitchen or bathroom space.

Curtain panels
Let the light shine in! Pull back curtains for sunny days, and let them frame your view. Resist the urge to knot the panels (so they don't look like sad, droopy rags).

Cut pile carpet
There is a plethora of more-interesting options. Try a sisal or seagrass broadloom as an affordable and stylish option to hardwood.

Textured ceilings
Popcorn belongs at the movies, not on your ceiling—scrape your ceilings back to smooth and feel like they've been lifted.

BAD CHI

Kristen Sheikh creates beautiful spaces for clients with a design aesthetic that is fresh, innovative and elegant. It is paramount to her that the client's daily functionality needs of a space are met in every design she does. Highly experienced in renovations and remodel projects, Kristen's strength in space planning creates stunning new environments beyond her client's expectations. Find her on the web at bruitdelamode.com.

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