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POLISHED MEXICAN PEBBLES—BIG EARTH LANDSCAPE SUPPLY

Seeking homespiration? *SRQ* Magazine's Spring Home Portfolio connects with local designers and providers for trends on what's hot in home design, materials, finishes and landscaping this spring. From popular finishes and innovative products to hot new residential spaces, we gathered what you need to know to be impeccably prepared for your next renovation, expansion or move.

ARCOS

Located in Sarasota's vibrant Rosemary District, Arcos accommodates renters who want to live in a desirable downtown location. The upscale apartments have been designed to fit an emerging lifestyle trend—empty nesters are selling their homes in pursuit of a more active, urban lifestyle where shopping, dining, and entertainment are walkable destinations. Developed by Framework Group LLC, Arcos has been designed to upend the concept of a 'stereotypical rental apartment' to appeal to new clientele. Arcos provides tenants with oversized kitchens, baths and closets fitted with high-end materi-

als, finishes and fixtures that would be found in luxury condominiums. President of Framework Group Phillip A. Smith says, "Today's trends have more to do with where you're living." Positioned within the Sarasota arts scene and with downtown a few short blocks away, Arcos looks to provide the highest standard of rental living in an urban environment. The building's amenities include a heated pool, fitness center, full service spa, and a fully independent public art gallery that exhibits nationally recognized artists. These features offer tenants a chic, urban lifestyle with plenty of cultural experiences available right outside their front door.

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"Exceptional design transforms people's lives," says Ken Cleary, General Manager of California Closets Tampa Bay. "When we see home as more than a place, it becomes a source of comfort and refuge, a space for connection and celebration." California Closets helps homeowners create customized end-to-end home storage solutions to satisfy today's busy consumer. One popular trend this spring is incorporating functional and thoughtfully placed lighting within home storage elements. In response, California



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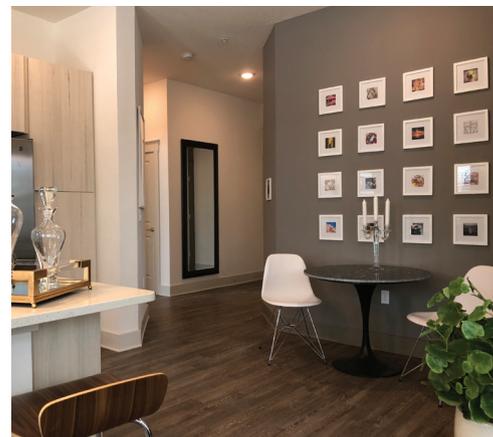
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Closets has expanded its illumination options to provide desirable highlights and lowlights for custom closets, pantries, garages, media centers and laundry rooms. "The addition of lighting to a space changes everything. The right light can illuminate your clothing within a walk-in closet or accent a stunning display in your entertaining center, adding both function and beauty to a space," says Cleary. California Closets has also noticed that more people are choosing to contrast light finishes with dark accents. This trending combination has prompted California Closets to collaborate on two specific light wood grain finishes that can be used across all styles of design. A tailored, full-service experience offered by California Closets is key for creating stylish spaces that clients love. Along with a multitude of design options ranging from modern to traditional, California Closets' team of experts coordinate the design, manufacturing and installation process of each project, offering clients a true white glove experience.

BIG EARTH LANDSCAPE SUPPLY

Director of Marketing Ellie Ohlman Fuesser of Big Earth Landscape Supply says that the tropical setting of Florida's Gulf Coast makes homeowners feel inspired to blend indoor and outdoor living. The ultimate way to integrate these two environments is by creating stunning moments that feature unexpected natural elements where they are not typically found— inside the home. Big Earth Landscape Supply, a premier supplier of quality, commercial grade landscape materials for home, garden, and

landscape, supports this emerging trend by being the go-to source to create these installations. Imagine a large-scale, sculptural piece of natural stone placed within an elegant grand entryway, or a striking accent table made of rustic, petrified wood. Fuesser says that monoliths, Peruvian beach pebbles and European boulders are popular products making their way indoors. The materials often contrast with their surroundings in ways that lend to modern, design-forward transitional spaces. Big Earth has also seen an increase in customers who are passionate about the environment and interested in xeriscaping. Offering "Florida Friendly" options to help conserve water, Big Earth Landscape Supply provides eco-conscious clients with drought-tolerant sod, native plants, Melaleuca Florimulch, stepping stones and gravel. As one of the area's largest commercial-grade landscape material suppliers with four retail locations, don't be surprised to find Big Earth Landscaping Supply bustling with activity when you visit. Fuesser says, "Come as you are; don't get dressed up to come to Big Earth. Dirt on your hands or mud on your work boots is always welcome. Once the dust settles, you'll see a variety of materials imported from exotic locations that will make a great addition to your home."

MOLLY K. LAUB

Inhabiting spaces that encourage mindful, experiential living is a lifestyle trend that is in high demand says Molly K. Laub, Owner and Principal Designer of the local full-service interior design firm and decorative services agency.

Molly specializes in interweaving architecture and unique design elements to create customized interiors that are tailored to the vision and individualistic style of her clients. People want to feel an emotional connection to their physical space. In Molly's mind, nothing demonstrates this relationship better than working with a client to design a home bathroom oasis. Molly says that although lighted bathroom mirrors have been around for ages, the newest most on-trend models offer a high-tech color changing feature which allows the user to "dial-in" their mirror's color of choice. Homeowners can select from the warmest 2700-Kelvin color to the highest daylight 5000-Kelvin color, helping them envision what they'll look like in different types of light throughout the day. Contemporary mirror systems also offer built-in dimming, an anti-fogging device, and an integrated music system that uses Bluetooth to connect to a user's phone or tablet to play music through the mirror's embedded speakers. The added components allow clients to integrate cutting edge technology into their space, but Molly tells us that several timeless design trends continue to appeal to today's homeowner. Developing adequate storage to maintain a relaxed uncluttered atmosphere, decorating in a neutral palate but incorporating bold accents, and installing multi-layers of illumination are still popular aspects in bathroom design. With over twenty years of experience in the field, Molly advises clients to always do their homework and preselect their components before beginning a new project. "It is best to choose all of the fixtures, materials, and finishes down to the hardware before the work begins," she says.




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PGT INNOVATIONS

Black is back and more popular than ever, according to premium window and door manufacturer, PGT Innovations. While the color has always been a classic, today more homeowners are choosing black as a versatile hue to outfit their

exterior window frames. The trend has prompted PGT Innovations to launch black exterior frames as a standard option on all of its PGT® impact-resistant or energy-efficient vinyl products. Another emerging design trend is to bring as much of the outdoors inside as possible. PGT Innovations offers WinDoor®, a line of high-performance

doors and windows that help maximize views. Taking in the gorgeous Florida sunrises and sunsets is now even easier due to the distinct, oversized designs of WinDoor® systems. PGT Innovations notes that people are interested in living with clean-lined, contemporary design. The newest brand to PGT Innovation's portfolio,



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Western Window Systems, offers high-quality moving glass walls and windows that essentially disappear when opened, helping homeowners seamlessly blend indoor and outdoor spaces. Also, due to recent hurricanes, PGT Innovations has noticed a heightened awareness from homeowners looking to invest in impact-resistant win-

dows and doors to protect their families from future storms. PGT is the #1 selling brand of impact-resistant windows and doors and is ready to offer solutions for nearly any home. PGT Innovations has helped many clients as they rebuild from Hurricane Irma in 2017. A recent project in Key West named the Peirya Court has prompted

PGT Innovations to launch Sparta by CGI®, a new value-custom, impact-resistant line of products. With Sparta, homeowners can have 24/7 storm-ready protection and can ditch cumbersome plywood coverings and storm shutters once and for all.

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