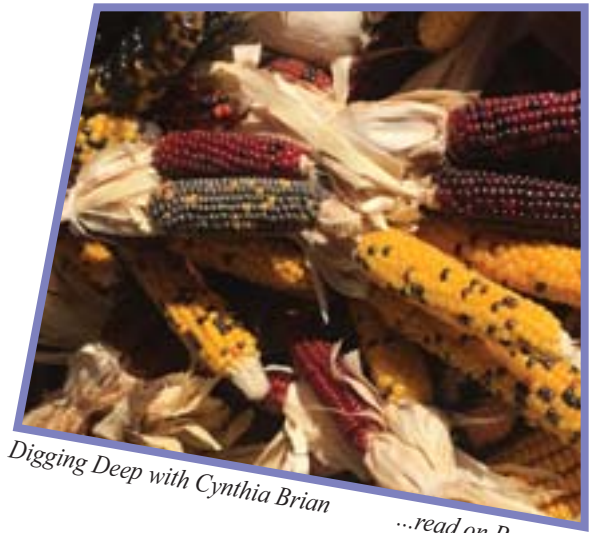


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New lighting, color and upholstery design trends unveiled

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I love to keep up with what's trending in color and see what's new for lighting and upholstery, so I recently returned once again from North Carolina following the fall furnishings market at High Point. The High Point Market is the largest furnishings industry trade show in the world, bringing more than 75,000 people to High Point, North Carolina, every six months. With more than 2,000 exhibitors and 11.5 million square feet of showrooms, it is the Disney World for interior designers. It's a great way for me to see new products that will be introduced to the marketplace the following season. High Point also offers me the ability to touch, feel and sit on pieces that I am considering for client projects.

As with every market, there is always a buzz around color. And the fall market did not disappoint; there was lots of color. Navy is still going strong and was seen paired with burgundy, orange, green or blush. Speaking of blush, this soft hued pink was still everywhere, from upholstery to artwork to wallpaper. I have even noticed big chain retailers like Target and Pottery Barn are embracing the blush trend. Green as with blue is, of course in my book, always "in", especially the warmer more muted tones of green, from olive to sage. Red is also making its way back into the hearts of the furnishing industry. I saw lots of red paired with soft shades of blue. One color, that I personally am not a huge fan of, that seemed to be trending was purple! It was more of a soft lavender or light lilac. It was seen paired with creams, taupes, and even mint green. Needless to say, color is making a comeback – and it's bold and bright.

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