

## Decorate the Island

If you're wary of so much color, try focusing on your kitchen island only. Setting the island apart stylistically is another big trend, although paint isn't the only way to do this. If your cabinetry countertops are marble, try topping your island with butcher block instead, or maybe a pretty metal, like copper.



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## Go for Metals

Speaking of copper, warm metals are still trendy. After decades in the design dustbin, brass made a big comeback a few years ago, and it's still very much on point. And it now has a welcome companion in copper. That metal isn't used quite as often as brass, but it's just as versatile. Its glow can run from mellow to glossy, depending on the level of shine, and it lends a welcome note of glamour to any space.

## Forget Bling

One place you won't see a ton of metal is on cabinetry. A few years back it was all about bling, and the bigger hardware, the better. But on the newest cabinets, handles and knobs are nowhere to be found. This look is all about minimalism, and results in a space that's spare and elegant.