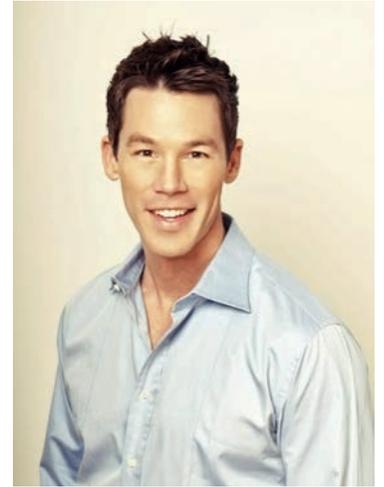


Celebrity Design with...

David Bromstad



David Bromstad, the season one winner of "HGTV Design Star" and host of the series "Color Splash," is known for his love of color and his radical redesigns. After starting as an artist at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Bromstad went on to produce his own art and custom furniture and now owns and operates Miami-based David Bromstad Designs.

K+BB recently got an inside look into Bromstad's celebrated thoughts on color and what he sees for kitchen and bath design in 2015.

With all of the hype about neutrals, what colors are still trending for both kitchens and baths?

When you have neutrals, depending on what neutrals you use, almost every color can be added in an appropriate manner and work. Dark blues, vibrant reds, emeralds and earth tones are still very hot. They can be added to accent tiles, backsplashes and even appliances and cabinetry. Mixing different metals in baths and kitchens is also still trending, and we will see this for some time.

What colors do you think are tired/used too often in design?

Beige, Beige, Beige. I love beige in the right shade, however. It's so safe, but everyone has it because they are afraid to step outside the boundaries.

How can designers work around colors changing in a space with more windows?

Adding UV films to your windows really can save your furniture and area rugs. If you don't want to be bothered with shades, add the UV protective film to your windows and have it installed by a professional. It really does wonders for the home and saves energy.

How/where should a designer use a vibrant color, like the Pantone Color of the Year (Marsala), in a project?

Adding color doesn't have to be only through paint. It most definitely can be through accessories and home accents – pillows, throws, art, lampshades and area rugs. It's the easiest way to incorporate color into the home.

Are there any colors you prefer for kitchens? Baths?

I must say – I love white. I know I am the "color guy," but I just love white. When you have a white canvas, you can add color in so many other ways. As I mentioned before, you can add it through accent tiles, towels, appliances and countertops. It's a personal preference, but you should go with what you love and what speaks to you. ■

— By Erinn Waldo



Bromstad's designs often have bright but simple contrasts that show off color without overwhelming a room.



Rather than painting, Bromstad often uses bright furniture and accessories to add color.