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## What's hot and not in home styles this year

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This year's designated New American Home is being featured as part of the International Builder's Show.

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Modern gets the thumbs up.

Spa-like and eco-sensitive, the "New American Home 2012" being unveiled in [Orlando](#) this week by the National Association of Home Builders in conjunction with the International Builders' Show, is a warmer take on the classic "White Box" of mid-20th century modern design.

"A lot of people want a spa feeling and a spa look that's very analogous to modern," said Luis Juaregui, a [Texas](#)-based American Institute of Architects accredited architect. The 4,200 square foot, \$3.5 million gray stone and glass home has free flowing entertaining spaces,

floor to ceiling sliding glass doors, a stone staircase with open risers, clear glass balustrades and clean geometric lines, tempered by dark wood cabinets, area rugs and soft furnishings.

Still, to fit into more traditional looking neighborhoods, architects are increasingly going hybrid, mixing distinctly modern, techno-savvy interiors with colonial details, Tudor-style roofs or Craftsman-inspired touches on the exterior.

A home to call one's own has long been part of the American Dream. But as tastes, technologies and regional preferences change, propelled by demographics and the socio-economic climate, the

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