

COLOR

Turn of the century meets contemporary elegance in this Edison Style lamp by Tech Lighting. The 'Beacon' pendant adds architectural interest and a quiet boldness to any home or office. TECH LIGHTING, www.techlighting.com.





← Lapis lazuli is a deep blue metamorphic rock prized for its intense color. The deep celestial hue with flecks of gold is captured for eternity by jewelry designer David Yurman. DAVID YURMAN, wwwdavidyurman.com



↑ Who knows more about food than the French? Experience the colorful world of this handcrafted French range. Traditional yet cutting edge, LaCornue is culinary-focused and an exquisite piece of art. Available in over thirty colors. LA CORNUE, lacornueusa.com.



↑ Enjoy outdoor grilling with Hestan culinary inventions. From Nappa Valley, California, inspired by good food and wine comes this performance grill. It's available in a myriad of colors from orange (Citra) to aqua, (Bora Bora.) HESTAN, www.hestan.com. Available at JW Kitchens, Fargo.

Got the blues?

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here is a wax and wane from year to year in the popularity of color trends, but for many fascinating reasons, blue reigns eternal. From studies revealing the most popular and frequently visited websites to the design of offices and workspaces, the incorporation of the color blue increases our focus and efficiency. Low wavelengths on the spectrum of color—such as blue and green, the two most common colors in nature—have been proved to create the most calming effect on us. Blue, universally known to increase productivity, fosters stability and concentration. The psychology of color tells us this restful color can even lower blood pressure and body temperature. Around the world, blue is the most common answer when people were asked for their preference of color. According to Elle Decor—and Americans agree—when it comes to our home décor, blue gets the vote by a landslide.

Inspired Home set out to find beautiful products that were inspired by this preferred color of the human race. From kitchen stoves to doorknobs, we invite you to explore with us the lasting beauty of the "couleur bleu."



↑ This glass mosaic by daltile® touts colorful elegance. The blue jewel tones and random linear patterns create a stunning addition to backsplashes and feature walls. DALTILE, www.daltile.com. Available at McArthur Tile Co. and Floor to Ceiling Carpet One, Fargo.



↑ Add a delightful pop of blue in your bathroom with Topex wall mounted glass vanities. From its Armadi Art Acqua Collection, this sleek look is available in a rainbow of custom colors. TOPEX DESIGN, www.topexdesign.com.



↑ Bring on spirited blue décor from Thibaut, the nation's oldest designer wallpaper firm. This peppy and lively collection boasts both large and small scale prints. THIBAUT, www.thibautdesign.com. Available at McNeal & Friends and Rosecreek Design, Fargo.



↑ This heirloom-quality blue crystal door knob by Nostalgic Warehouse adds a touch of unexpected glamour to any décor. Add drama with brilliant hues of emerald, cobalt, pink or black. NOSTALGIC WAREHOUSE, www.nostalgicwarehouse.com.



↑ Blue bold color runs deep at Kohler as portrayed in this bathroom basin. From cobalt to acid green, areas of color are energizing bathroom spaces in a myriad of styles. KOHLER, www.kohler.com. Available at Ferguson Showroom, Fargo and Waterfront Kitchen & Bath, Fargo and Grand Forks.