19 best home scents in 2021, according to designers

Your home will smell so good, you may never want to leave.

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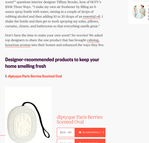
Studies have shown that scenting your home can improve your mood, enhance relaxation, increase alertness and boost productivity — let alone get rid of nasty odors!

"With so many of us working, eating, studying and relaxing at home these days, who wouldn't want to take advantage of the power of scent to improve our lives?" asks Jessica Alba, founder of The Honest Co. and Hello Twen Boys. "I wake my own at Bedtime by filling an at-home spray bottle with water, adding a couple of drops of lavender essential oil and spraying it in the air. It's so calming and I shake the bottle and then get to work spraying my sheets, curtains, clothes, and bathrooms so that everything smells great."

Don't have the time to make your own scents? No worries! We asked top designers to share the one product that has brought calming, luxurious ambiance into their homes and selected the best fits.

Designer-recommended products to keep your home smelling fresh

1. diptyque Paris Berries Scented Oval



diptyque Paris Berries Scented Oval

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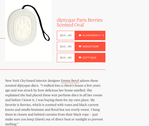
New York City-based interior designer Emma Reid adores these scented diptyque discs. "I walked into a client's house a few years ago and was struck by how delicious her home smelled. She explained she had placed these two perfume discs in all her rooms and they were her favorite thing she had ever bought," she recalls. Berries is discrete, which is scented with cassis and black currant leaves and needs lemonade and fruit tart vibes. Emma Reid's favorite way to use the scent is to place it in a candle or diffuser and make sure you keep classic cut of dress hanger or sculptural necklace."

2. Lafco New York Duchess Peony



Lafco New York Duchess Peony

$50 | $50 | $50

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"I love to have this beautiful candle when I have friends or family over because it immediately makes them feel at home," says Alba. "This candle smells like what I expect a peony to smell like — a soft, scented rose — and comes in a beautiful handblown glass vessel. I use it in my bedroom and it makes me feel like I'm surrounded by flowers in the spring, yet with this candle, you can have this all year round. I love lighting it in my living room, bathroom and the kitchen to eliminate cooking odors."

3. ID Style Lemongrass & Coconut

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$20 | $20 | $20

BUY STYLE

"I'm drawn to candles that have an aromatic scent to them, whether it's citrus or herbal," says Jessica Alba. "My husband and I make a crazy cracking sound when they hit the," says Honest Boss, lead designer at DR Interior Design. "This one (from ID Style) will remind you of a tropical vacation and transport you to a place you love. Just like a beach or a resort, this candle will make you feel at ease."

4. P.F. Candle Co. Teakwood & Tobacco Car Fragrance

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$8 | $8 | $8

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"Scent Bar Diffusers, founder and lead designer of VIB Design Studio in California, prefers a fragrance in a compact package. "I love to use across the spring and candle version of this scent (from P.F. Candle Co.) which both comes in such gorgeous packaging and smells so fresh and calming. It's a mix of bergamot, lemon, lime, and a touch of tobacco. It's so fresh and uplifting, it's almost like a citrus version of my car. The fragrance (unlessed and tobacco scent isn't overpowering – even my husband is a fan."

5. Preserved Eucalyptus Branches

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$19.95 | $19.95 | $19.95

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Dallas-based interior designer Heather Fulkerson prefers to spruce up her home – literally and aromatically – with some greenery. "I use preserved eucalyptus in my home. It's beautiful, it doesn't need fresh (and) brings greenery indoors, but does also so beautifully. But, most importantly, eucalyptus has a spicilne scent – it works great in a kitchen, bathroom, wherever you place it."

6. Aera The Aera Diffuser

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$1,000.00 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00

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"I can't imagine living without this app-activated diffuser – so much so I even there!" says Long Island-based interior designer Marlena Blake. "I can control it from my phone, I can set it to turn on and off, I can set it to turn on and off, With this cute simply-install the app, plug in the diffuser, connect it to your home network and you're ready to go."

7. Sandoval Love Interior Aromatic

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$40.00 | $40.00 | $40.00

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Gina Gutierrez, founder and lead designer at Gina Rae Belle Designs in San Francisco, loves this fresh aromatic from Sandoval. "I enjoy using this product in my home because it's a fresh, clean scent. It's from one of my designers and fill in love with how it fills my space with a blend of scents including white orchid flowers, ylang ylang, sandalwood, and musk. It's a mix of fresh, floral, and musky, and it's definitely not simple into the air, and I'll even pour a few drops in a diffuser."

8. Para Swan Device

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$20.00 | $20.00 | $20.00

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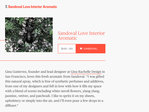
New York-based interior designer Courtney Sampkins relies on Para's smart diffuser to scale for home smell like a French chateau. "I control this plug-in diffuser via an app to customize how much and when it fills my home with scent. I can also set it to automatically turn off and on at specific times of the day so I don't keep it on my office and fill it with the calming and therapeutic scent of lavender, a fragrance that reminds me of bedtime days traveling in Provence."

9. Neat New York Grapefruit



Neat New York Grapefruit

$24.00 | $24.00 | $24.00

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"This spray, but more, is the best!" proclaims New Jersey-based designer Karina K. Wall. "I discovered this Neat Fragrance (it was one of my client's bathrooms and now I use it in my own home. It has a fresh, citrus, and slightly sweet scent with a touch of musk. It's a refreshing alternative to simply into the air, and I'll even pour a few drops in a diffuser."

10. Zodax Illuminaria Porcelain Diffuser Spanish Dahlia

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$60.00 | $60.00 | $60.00

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Louisiana-based interior designer Lacey Thomas loves this porcelain diffuser that doubles as decor. "I place this porcelain flower into the nicely glass container and the citrus aroma instantly begins to permeate the room. It has great and manicure orange notes and a touch of sweetness that lasts for a long time. I place it in my office and it's simply into the air, and I'll even pour a few drops in a beautiful porcelain a stack of books in your living room or on a bathroom vanity."

11. Antica Farmacista Lemon, Verbena, & Cedar Diffuser

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$115.00 | $115.00 | $115.00

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"I received this as a housewarming gift when I moved into a very musty smelling semi-rustic house and it instantly transformed my life," interior designer Mary Patton said. "Not simply what these beautiful scents into the bottle, they absorb the fragrance, and then release homogenous, mandarin, Italian verbena and lavender scents into the air. It's so fresh, it's so clean, it's a stronger scent or cross those scents for a more subtle aroma."

12. Jonnet Kayne Medium Cedar Ceramic Diffuser

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Toronto-based interior designer Tiffany Leigh Freeman's scents also remain diffuser from Jonnet Kayne. "The ceramic bowls make the diffuser are filled with natural essential oils and rattle sticks for needle and underwood. I keep it in my home, creating a signature scent for everyone who enters my home is enjoy."

13. Plant Therapy 382 Essential Oil Set

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"I have these sweet essential oils in the diffuser I keep in my home office," Jessica Alba shares. "I mix them with water and I get a fresh and 24/7 of Christmas tomorrow. With this set, you get multiple fragrance combinations. I love the Green Scent as it reminds me of fresh cut grass, being outdoors in the mountains, and working in the garden. Green pairs well with a lemon or lime scent. Lemon and green create a very Home-Goods vibe."

14. Jonnet Kayne Current Glass Candle

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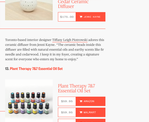
$65.00 | $65.00 | $65.00

BUY IN CONDITION

"I discovered this hand-poured candle when I walked into the Jonnet Kayne boutique in Los Angeles and immediately felt drawn to smell the same way," said New York City-based interior designer Becky Hess. "It comes in four scents – musk, oak, cedar and current – and I love how they complement each other and create a fresh, outdoorsy scent. I love them all over in my house – in both my bedroom, living room, kitchen, dining room and bathroom. I place them where they're in long lasting – they can burn up to 60 hours."

15. Sandoval Wood Interior Aromatic



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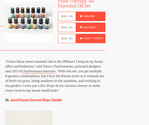
"I'm a fan of woodsy scents on this mist is right up my alley – it literally smells like a walk in the woods," Gina Gutierrez shares. "It's a mix of cedar, sandalwood, and musk. I love to use it in my bedroom and spray on my bed linens and in my sheets. I also love that the bottle is handmade and recyclable."

16. Atlas Scent Air Purifier with True HEPA Filter



Atlas Scent Air Purifier with True HEPA Filter

$149 | $149 | $149

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Overtrack.com Lead Blake Anker Stanford Bliss is long has been a fan of Atlas Scent Air Purifier. "I have two in my home, one in my bedroom and one at home a quiet living home so much these days, knowing they can remove pollutants, toxins and allergens that are in the air we breathe is a game-changer for my family's health. I've placed one in my bedroom and another in the entrance to my home to keep the area smelling fresh at the point where guests arrive."

17. Capri Blue Volcano Matte Black Jar Candle

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$30.00 | $30.00 | $30.00 | $30.00

"Imagine if oranges, lemons and limes were mixed together with mountain pines – yup, this candle!" and Stephanie Lindsey, interior designer at Stephanie Lindsey Interiors. "I love the fresh, citrus and this candle masks odors and creates a freshly scented home without overpowering the room. As an interior designer, I obviously have a lot of candles in my home and I always have one on hand. I'm a fan favorite is the Capri Blue Volcano DR which mixes leather, tobacco, cedar, and vanilla notes – into a very fun citrus, exciting, and unique scent. It's a great way to add a little pop of excitement to a room's decor."

18. Aromio Subsoiling Scent Diffuser

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"California-based interior designer Nina Magnuson loves this sleek aromatic diffuser. "I'm a fan of Aromio because it's so easy to use. Simply fill it, hit the button, and the mist out is so thinks to this diffuser. Now I have this stylish and whisper-soft diffuser in my living room. It is so quiet, I can't even hear it when it is on, and it looks so beautiful. I'm a fan favorite is the Aromio Aromio DR which mixes leather, tobacco, cedar, and vanilla notes – into a very fun citrus, exciting, and unique scent. It's a great way to add a little pop of excitement to a room's decor."

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Otherland. "This candle has a thoroughly modern aroma yet remains unisex with the inclusion of neroli blossom and crisp, herbaceous thyme and oakmoss. The scent will remind you of springtime all year long, while the emerald jar and trendy floral label will dress up any bookshelf or table."

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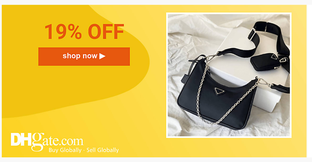

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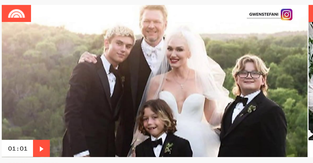

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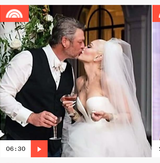

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