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OPTION ONE: MULTIFUNCTIONAL & MINIMALIST

Write a 500-word-minimum essay or prepare an interactive presentation illustrating your perspective on this subject, its impact on the future of interior design/architecture, and if/how you will adopt its use.



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"There is a boom in the freelancer trend and the autonomous spirit of the [Millennials](#). This is the generation that is projected to become their own bosses. They encourage the use of the same space for more than one activity, so having a home that can adapt to a workspace is key. For this reason, it is no longer rare to find small, modern, multifunctional and minimalist apartments when looking for properties. The behaviour and habits of [Millennials](#) point to minimal spaces that are highly flexible. [2018](#) will be the year to address the needs of this growing trend and adapt them to architecture from the human-millennial perspective, where an environment can quickly morph into a new one, strategically combining innovation, flexibility and a vision of the future."

OPTION TWO: HYPERREALISTIC VS. ARTISTIC?

Write a 500-word-minimum essay or prepare an interactive presentation illustrating your perspective on this subject, its impact on the future of interior design/architecture, and if/how you will adopt its use.



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"In architecture, representation techniques are constantly evolving, replacing each other by advancing technology and the ever changing preferences of society. It is undeniable that currently, digital tools have come to dominate architectural representation, placing hyperrealistic images above those of traditional representative methods. However, through technology we are able to create increasingly realistic images of spaces that have yet to be built, with many architects

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advocating to preserve this intimate relationship between art and architecture in the representative stage of design that was consolidated centuries ago.

Recently there has been a strong presence on social networks, mainly Instagram, of a new language of representation that permeates the work of architects. This new trend uses historical art references and collage that were characteristic of the sixties and seventies and has been adopted at firms like Archigram and Superstudio. The fusion achieved with the new digital tools results in a more artistic dialogue about the intentions and references of some of the current architecture firms. By merging the available digital tools with the representative intention of collage, some contemporary architecture firms have chosen to move away from the dominant hyperrealism, instead creating a new trend: post-digital representation. Undoubtedly, this is just the beginning of a new stage of negotiation between the cold precision of technology and the expressive quality inherent in architecture."ⁱⁱ

OPTION THREE: IS BIOPHILIC DESIGN THE SOLUTION?

Americans have a nature problem. Is 'biophilic design' the solution? Is this the fix for workers starved for nature?

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A meeting space shaped like a bird's nest is perched high inside Amazon's Spheres in Seattle. Jordan Stead / Amazon
More than 40,000 plants, most from cloud forest ecosystems, live within Amazon's Spheres in Seattle. Jordan Stead / Amazon

"Americans have become indoor animals. On average, we spend about 90 percent of our time inside buildings and cars. When we venture outside, we're often so glued to our smartphones that we're oblivious to the natural world. That's probably not a good thing. Growing evidence suggests that interacting with nature makes people happier and healthier. [Surgical patients go home sooner](#) if their hospital rooms have a view outside, for example. A walk in the park can [boost the concentration of children](#) with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. And spending time in a forest has been shown to [lower stress levels and blood pressure while boosting immune function](#). For those of us disinclined to [spend time outdoors](#) — or unable to because we work long hours in hermetically sealed offices — an emerging architectural movement called biophilic design aims to incorporate a bit of nature into our buildings. Perhaps ironically, the trend has been embraced by some of the same tech giants whose products have helped fuel our nature-shunning addiction to technology. In downtown Seattle, Amazon's new office features three glass-and-steel domes, dubbed the Spheres, that cover a cloud forest of more than 40,000 plants. Twenty-five minutes to the east, treehouses have sprouted on Microsoft's suburban Redmond, Wash., campus. A nine-acre rooftop park adorns Facebook's Menlo Park, Calif., headquarters, not far from Apple's new spaceship-like building in Cupertino that surrounds a 30-acre park, orchard, and pond. "The first step is, 'Why don't we just go outside?' The second step is, 'We'll just bring some trees inside,'" said Amanda Sturgeon, a biophilic design expert and CEO of the [International Living Future Institute](#), a Seattle-based nonprofit that encourages sustainable practices. "We're trying to go to the place after that — which is, 'What could we learn from what makes us love being outside and incorporate it into the design of our buildings?'"ⁱⁱⁱ

Read more here: <https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/new-biophilic-buildings-use-quirky-features-bring-nature-indoors-ncna853996>

ⁱ <https://www.archdaily.com/889638/the-9-architecture-topics-you-need-to-know-about-in-2018>

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