THE BEST
Ideas to Try & What to Buy

Don’t get all revved up about autonomous cars—our playful predictions for 2018 include touchable textiles, doggie tech, pared-down decorating, and deep, restful sleep.

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7 | NEW SHAKER
Modern designers are feeling the function-first simplicity of Shaker style, even heeding tradition by using American woods and historically accurate bold colors!

9 | SLUMBER-PARTY PALS
Along with most of the internet, we chortled at the $50 “iPhone bed” that hit the market last year. But the intention—tucking in your device for bedtime so that you can snoop—was a wake-up call to join the slumber professionals and start sleeping our way to the top. The world is full of no-frills alarm clocks, lavender sheet sprays, and voice-activated blackout shades, but the hottest way to catch 40 winks just might be—irony alert!—an app. Download Calm to be guided through relaxing visualizations, Sleep Sounds to drift off to nature, or Bedtime Stories Collection HD to hear soothing tales before lights out. Hey, it worked for you when you were a kid!

10 | TERRAZZO A GO-GO
Terrazzo used to be a labor-intensive flooring that had to be poured on-site. Now it’s gone from material to motif with easy-to-install tile, and the speckles have surfaced on everything from planters to wallpaper. Ciao bella!

11 | WELCOME TO WELLVILLE
For what’s next in holistic living, look to a new South Carolina community dedicated to health and wellness. Nexton, a village in Summerville, is all about making connections. Whether it’s linking homes and schools with nature trails, encouraging togetherness with outdoor concerts and alfresco yoga classes, or wiring the town with ultra-high-speed internet—allowing everyone to work from parks or coffee shops—every choice is aimed at keeping residents socially active and in motion. nexton.com