



Colour of the Year 2022

Whilst we don't recommend slavishly redecorating your home to follow the latest trends, it's worth being aware of what's happening in the world of colour trends.

Here are our top tips...

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Pantones



Fresh new directions in colour can act as a great starting point to inspire us. We can also make decisions for our home which are more likely to stand the test of time. Every year Pantone and the big paint brands choose their colours of the year. There's a lot of fascinating psychology baked into colour theory. And in the past couple of years, with all of us spending more time in our homes and open spaces the colour futurists wanted to reflect our collective yearning to connect with nature (where we've not been able to connect with each other as easily in social settings). This is reflected in paint giant Dulux's colour of the year for 2022, 'Bright Skies'.



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OCTOBER MIST
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Popular American paint brand, Benjamin Moore have opted for a soothing sage green, "October Mist 1495" which also addresses our need for natural inspiration in our home decor.

This chalky, grey-toned colour would work well across all walls of a room, or combined with deeper shades or a crisp off-white. This is as easy to live with as the grey walls which have been so on trend for the past 8 or 9 years. This colour looks stunning with dark wood finishes such as walnut.

Soothing Sage





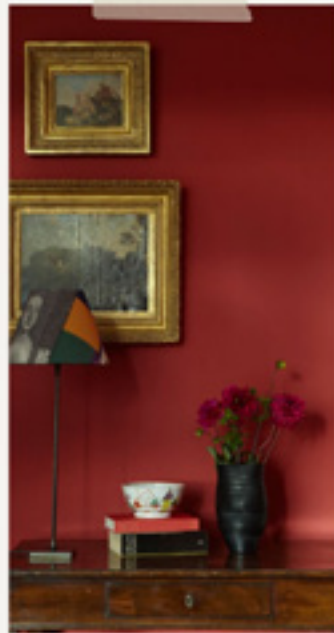
Farrow & Ball

Meanwhile, Farrow and Ball opted for a palette of five colours - vivid yellow 'Babouche', a rich crimson 'Incarnadine' teamed with soft blue and green shades 'Breakfast Room Green', 'Stone Blue', and off-white 'School House White'.



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'Incarnadine'



'Breakfast Room Green',



'Stone Blue'



'School House White'

We love this high-energy, yet very liveable palette, which can be used to varying degrees and intensity around the home. From children's bedrooms, to dining rooms to kitchens this palette can be a wonderful starting point for a redecoration project.

Very Peri



The granddaddy of colour, Pantone, wowed us with their Colour of the Year, a beautiful blue with violet undertones, called 'Very Peri'

This warm-toned blue borders on a deep lilac and works brilliantly with an array of colours.

Create a scheme with contrasting pinks, yellows and greens, or use 'Very Peri' as the standout colour in a more neutral scheme. Other paint companies have continued in the more muted colour palettes we've been seeing increasingly in the past few years.

A key trend has been a general move away from grey and white walls to earth-toned terracotta finishes and chalky brown hues

You may also fear terracotta or similar shades as they can remind us of previous versions of this trend, for example from the 80s'. But remember, with today's finishes and furniture styles, your home doesn't have to feel like a blast from the past (unless you want to go back to flouncy Austrian blinds, as well?) So how about if you've only recently decorated your home with grey, or have a grey kitchen? Not a problem, incorporate tomorrow's trends with oversized abstract art, in your tiles, or soft furnishings. Opt for pops of colour as opposed to whole rooms, and warm up your scheme with warm rich pinks or reds, or deep greens.

