



# MAKE A STATEMENT

*Dive into the world of colour and learn how to love your space with vibrant, beautiful tones*

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Your home should be a place you love. Earthy tones are sublime, but bold, zesty hues can really make a space pop — and isn't that what you want?

Bright colours with softer tones create ambience and tranquillity, while jewel tones are going to bring energy and inject visual interest into your room. When choosing your new colour scheme, it's important to decide

what mood you'd like to create and if you're willing to commit to a full transformation or just add a few elements here and there. Of course, you don't need a neon feature wall to make a statement! Simply adding coloured tapware or accent furniture can create the look you're after. Here we list our favourite ways to make a splash, while talking to experts about how they tackle all things colour.

**Styling** Kip&Co  
**Photography** Nikole Ramsay



Whether you're hoping to create a soothing kitchen you can bake in, or perhaps a peaceful bathroom that helps you to forget the day's worries, it's all about the elements of colour you choose. Be bright and bold and get ready to fall in love with your home all over again.

**Design** Ian Moore Architects  
**Photography** Daniel Mayne  
**Styling** Tess Strelein

We spoke to Ian Moore of Ian Moore Architects about injecting colour into a room. "Furniture is always the easiest way to add colour, however in my projects I often introduce colour to joinery units to differentiate them from the structural shell of the space. Typically I like to use bold colours, however I'm currently using very pale-blue glass to line bathrooms at a beach house. I often use grey as a background when contrasting with other colours." Even for the boldest of designers, it can be tricky to balance that fine line of too much or too little colour. Ian tries to limit colour to clearly defined elements, whether it's a single wall, joinery unit or furniture.



**MIX IN MULTIPLES**

Mix, mix and mix! It's natural to be nervous when you have to blend and add multiple colours and textures into the same space, but often it is a recipe for success when creating that bright, sophisticated look your home is begging for. Choose colours that will complement your kitchen or bathroom, with the right amount of boldness that will grab attention in all the right ways. Shy away from whites, greys and neutral tones and combine adventurous colours for a seamless finish.

**Design** Lucy Bock Design Studio  
**Photography** Derek Swalwell

Millie Alison, co-founder of The Design Paddock, is all about selecting a colour palette that complements your home. "Colour palettes have the ability to energise or make you anxious. It can soothe or motivate – depending on the colours and combinations. Reds and oranges can stimulate, while blue hues are calming." Millie also suggests "using the same colours, tones and textures in connecting areas, such as hallways and stairs, to give a sense of continuity".

**ACCESSORISE, DARLING**

A kitchen or bathroom can easily be brightened with the right furniture and additions. Bold-coloured diningware or textured bar stools can change the look and feel of your space. If you're not ready to dive deep into feature walls or striking artwork, accessories make for incredible visual interest without a full commitment. Textures and bold finishes can sometimes be all you need to take your space from dull to delightful.

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