

Say hello to autumn
with an inviting burst of
colour and creativity —
we'll show you how!

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It's all about



Colour

It's all about colour this fall season, and in the world of design we like colour. Colour is inspirational: creating and influencing the design of a space or sometimes simply quietly enhancing a relaxed monochromatic look. This season, however, we are seeing colour everywhere. Combine this with the change of season that is once again upon us and you have the perfect equation for desiring a new aesthetic for your home.

As we greet fall and enjoy the burst of colour and texture it brings, we can't help but feel excitement at the prospects of an inviting new colour scheme for our living space. Falltime is personally one of my favourite times of year, and this year is sure to impress. We are seeing such a wonderfully strong, classic palette this year, combined with a few surprises that have emerged in design, and it is definitely cause for excitement. When paired with richly textured fabrics, woods and accessories, this season's palette will create a warm yet sophisticated aesthetic in your home.

The colours of fall 2017 are simply fantastic! Deep and dark port, rich navy, burnt orange, a pretty and warm pink, smoky spruce and a great earthy maple is just a taste of what you'll be seeing this season. These blend beautifully with some of the slightly more obscure, yet popular, accent colours like a curry-toned yellow or a gold-toned lime green. Seeing these tones reflected in soft, plush velvets or chenilles or coarsely textured linen-blends will definitely set you in the mood to redecorate or

quite possibly renovate. Add to this by introducing patterns that run the gamut: from organic, free-flowing blends of colour to graphic geometrics, classic damasks or this year's "blast from the past" return of Navajo- and Aztec-inspired patterns.

Alendel Fabrics is one company that offers a great collection of textures and patterns this season. Their newly released collections deliver large on inspiration, durability and adaptability. They have also delved into a world of colourful wallcoverings, offering the possibility of not just including wallpaper in your next decor or design project, but also backing your favourite fabric to cover your walls, offering even more endless options to your wallcoverings selections.

However, adding colour to your world can go beyond simply fabrics and accessories. Victoria+Albert, a British bath manufacturer, has added to their repertoire with the introduction of beautiful warm gold tones. Their new unlacquered brass finishes and fittings are a stylish complement to any bath space and is sure to complete your bathroom renovation on a high note.

With the change in weather ahead of us, look to motivate your design creativity and warm up your home with the abundance of colours you'll be seeing. These next few months are the best for encouraging both metallic and colour inspirations into your design and decor. Designing with colour can be simpler than you may think, and there's nothing to fear. It's all about colour this year, so instead of fighting it, embrace it and elevate the look of those tired beige tones in your living space.

PREVIOUS PAGE A bold colour on the wall creates a great focal point in a bedroom. Highlight monochromatic bedding by adding a few toss cushions that complement your feature wall colour. **RIGHT** Give your windows some personality and warmth this season. Frame your views in style by changing out your existing drapery and adding in some colour and texture.

BELOW — TOP Add warm gold-toned metals to your room with not only lighting, but accessories and furniture items as well. Warm golds are great to work with and blend well into so many spaces. **BELOW — BOTTOM** Unlacquered brass is a noteworthy trend and a great new addition for bathroom fittings. This warm finish develops a naturally aged finish that complements so many design styles, from traditional to contemporary and even rustic.



Find your colour inspiration to give your home that designer touch. Develop for yourself a sophisticated palette that not only incorporates great new colours, but patterns and textures as well.

If you're looking to step out of your comfort zone just a bit, and you're not one who likes a lot of colour in their spaces, then working with both pattern and texture might just be the way to go. It allows you the ability to work with a single accent colour, should multiple colours be a bit much for your taste. Make your selection and then work in varying tones and shades of that same hue. Introduce your accent colour with simple items like toss cushions, throw blankets and accessories that can easily be either changed out or added to if or when you feel you want to inject multiple complementary colours into your space. However, until that time comes, using pattern and texture as the complement to your single colour selection will maintain a level of decor interest; just remember to vary the scale of your patterns from large to small. Colour is a wonderful design element. Whether it's used abundantly or sparingly, it's something that should never be ignored. Never underestimate the impact of colour in a space. A simple white room with a single colour used sparingly is equally as boastful as a boldly designed room full of colour on every surface. Find your own balance of colour and enjoy the season that lies ahead. Add a burst of colour to your home and give it the personality it deserves.



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Tips & Tricks

A gallon of paint goes a long way in enriching any space; with a little bit of work you can quickly transform the feel of any room.

With an abundant selection of not only colours but patterns, wallpaper can translate into an inspirational resource for elevating any room.

Add a black element to the mix; by doing this you clarify and enhance all the other colours in the space.

Invest in a bold, colourful piece of artwork — an easy way to immediately change the look of any space.