

HOME DECOR & MORE



Create Drama with Bold Paint Colours

Painting is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to transform the look of a space. Paint colours can dramatically change the mood and the design of a home. And depending on a homeowner's goals, paint can make a statement or blend into the background.

Many people are now looking to bold colours to make spaces stand out. But choosing a paint colour can be challenging. Homeowners looking to update walls and complement decor may want to look at some of the more impactful colours that Pantone indicates will be popular for the 2017 season. Primrose Yellow, Lapis Blue, Flame, Pink Yarrow, and Greenery are some of the more eye-catching selections. Once colours are selected, consider these guidelines for using bolder colours in room designs.

- Decide how big an impact you want to make. Are you looking for colour overload or just a small focal point of vivid colour? Remember, using bold colour doesn't mean every wall must be lathered in that hue. Instead, select one wall to serve as an accent point and use that spot as your bold colour display. Otherwise, rely on bold colours to dress up otherwise mundane areas, such as the back wall of a cupboard or moldings and trim.

- Try bold in a small space. Many people are surprised at how well bold colours work in small spaces. Powder rooms can be an ideal spot to experiment with paint colours. Try deep colours that can make the area seem intimate and even exotic. Dark, bold hues can be



toned down by different accents, such as neutral coloured fixtures and towels.

- Go bold in the kitchen. Incorporate a splash of colour in the kitchen without going overboard. Try an appliance or design fixture in a bright shade. Or paint the inside of the cabinets in your favorite colour and install glass inserts in the cabinet doors so that everyone gets a peek of the colour beyond. A neutral kitchen also can be brightened up with the use of silverware, dishes, pots and pans, and other kitchen items featured in bold hues.

- Stick to boldness on interchangeable items. Those who like to experiment with colour may find that they like to switch out the colours now and again. Instead of having to repaint every few months, use decorative items in bright shades to make swapping out colour that much easier. For example, replace area rugs, throw pillows and draperies. Paint over terra cotta flower pots when the mood strikes.

- Establish balance. Rely on neutral furniture, rugs, moldings and baseboards if you decide to take bold colours up a notch. This will help create a sense of balance in the room.

Painting is a fun way to experiment with colour. Many homeowners are not hesitant to use bold shades of colour when they learn the right techniques. And because paint is an inexpensive option for making over a room, homeowners who find they do not like a particular colour can easily paint over it with a new colour.

Fast Charging Network for Electric Vehicles

Nova Scotia Power announced on August 2nd it will install 12 electric vehicle fast charging stations across the province, as part of a pilot project to study the impact and usage of the network on the electrical system. The network will be ready for use in spring of 2018.

"Electric vehicles are the future, and we want to help make Nova Scotia ready for that future," said Karen Hutt, President and CEO of Nova Scotia Power. "These charging stations will make it easier for Nova Scotians to own and drive an elec-

tric vehicle.

The average charge time for these types of chargers is 15 to 30 minutes, whereas most public chargers in Nova Scotia take 3-8 hours, and a regular outlet at your home can take 12 hours or more.

In a 2016 survey undertaken by Nova Scotia Power, one third of respondents said they would consider an electric vehicle as their next car, while 65 per cent said they would consider an electric vehicle if more charging stations were available.

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