

HOW TO CHOOSE A COLOUR SCHEME

Choosing colour for your home can be an enjoyable, fun and interesting project for any homeowner. The secret? Keep it simple!



Remember, most of the work has already been done for you! Inspiration can come from magazines, television, and even catalogues and shopping centres. Look at your local environment and you'll discover endless combinations of colours.

At Urban Impact we often ask clients to show us some of their favourite possessions and this helps us to draw inspiration. Sometimes a lady's favourite dress, or perhaps an item of jewellery, can point the direction for a particular colour palette.

When you've found the schemes that appeal to you, the most important thing to do is try samples first as colour changes dramatically depending on the light and time of day. Look at your selection at home when you're likely to spend the most amount of time in that particular space.

Neutrals are the most popular tones for interior decorating and are also the easiest hues to work with. If you want to add colour, try simple feature areas like single walls, trims and highlights.

Painting can be inexpensive and a rewarding experience if you plan your project. A three-colour selection is usually the most successful. For example, off-white to keep the areas fresh and open, a mid-tone neutral to accent trims and doors, then splashes of your favourite colours to work with fabrics and furniture.

Different paints can add to mood and emotion. Boutique paint shops like Porters Paints have an endless supply of traditional and unusual finishes that will enhance your individual palette. They also have trained colourists in store to help with your paint and wallpaper selection.

Creating a scheme for your home is an artistic and very personal experience. Colour can breathe life into a room; you can use it to define a space and environment. Listen to what your heart really wants and you'll always make the perfect selection.

Above all else, have fun!