

Colour of the Year





THE EVOLUTION OF **COLOUR TRENDS**

Every year, Dulux Trade and a team of acclaimed international forecasters identify global trends that look set to shape our lives and our environments over the coming years. Our colour experts then translate these insights into a Colour of the Year and a series of palettes that will respond to those future needs, providing decorators with a collection of on-trend, contemporary colours that will resonate with their customers.







Above: Dulux Trade experts respond to international trends with cutting-edge colours that match the mood of the moment







PALETTES

This year, Dulux Trade has developed three palettes around Sweet Embrace™, offering easy-touse colour combinations that can create a variety of different moods in interiors and exteriors. These colour collections offer specifiers a range of flexible, on-trend options that can transform the way people feel in living and working spaces across every sector.

Our warm colours

These earth tones make the perfect backdrop for north facing rooms.

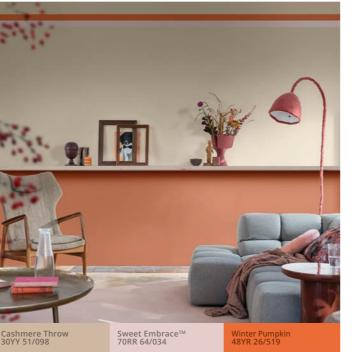
Exuding richness and opulence, these hues infuse spaces with the welcoming embrace of sunlight, enhancing the overall ambiance.













Warm, natural shades of sand, soil and terracotta, this family of global earth tones can help create spaces that feel familiar and embracing. These colours are ideal for layering to create a warm, comforting backdrop, and they work particularly well in living rooms or places where people want to come together, connect with family and friends and feel relaxed.

Our calm colours

Shades that are good for the soul, to help unwind and feel at ease.

These colours are ideal in spaces connected to nature bringing the outside in.













Recalling the colours of woodlands and seascapes, these soft greens and blues have a naturally calming and clarifying effect. This palette works perfectly with natural materials such as wood, cork and wool.

Mixing darker shades with lighter neutrals, this is a balanced palette that can bring a feeling of simplicity and serenity – perfect for offices, where people need peaceful spaces for focused tasks and for bedrooms to help feel at ease and retreat from busy lives.

Our uplifting colours

Bright and modern colours.

Encourage your customer to be brave with colour combinations and see spaces come to life with a touch of creativity and playfulness.

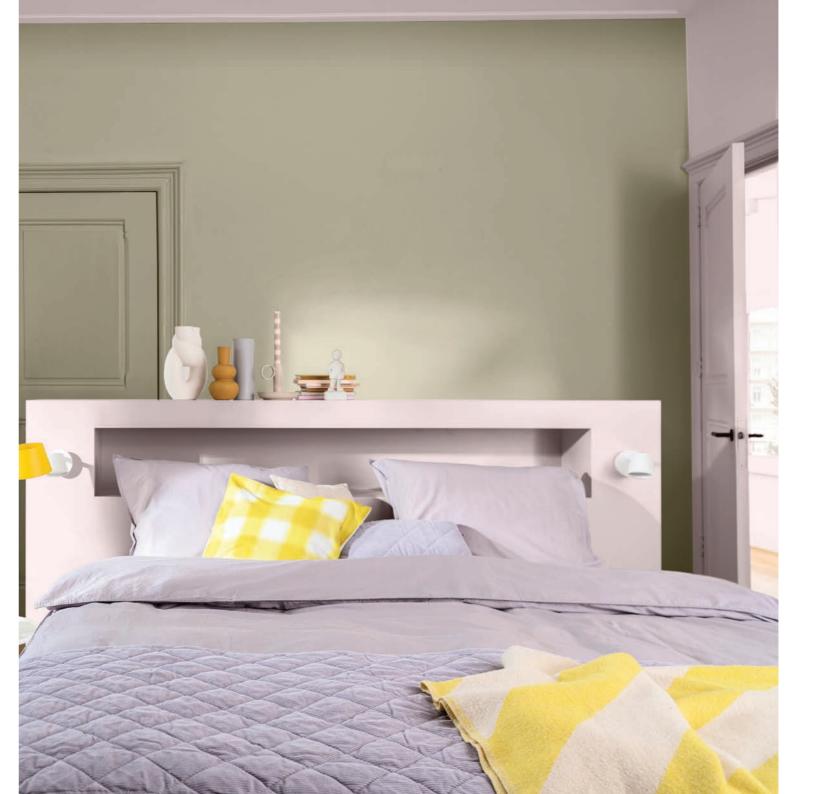












Mixing ethereal and dreamy tones of ochre and soft lilac, this palette has a contemporary, uplifting mood. Its mix of shades provides great opportunities for dynamic colour combinations that can enliven a scheme and bring energy and positivity. This is an upbeat palette that is perfect for kid's bedrooms and kitchen spaces that create a playfulness, creative and inclusive feel.

HOW TO COMBINE OUR 2024 COLOURS

Every year we create new, tailor-made colour palettes to complement our Colour of the Year. This is to help you choose colours that you can be confident will work together.

The possibilities are endless.



TRY OUT TONE-ON-TONE

When you're looking at a colour card, remember that colours in the same column will give you a tonal look that works very well for a subtle, unified scheme.



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COMBINE COLOURS FOR CONTRAST

Combining colours from different colour families creates a complementary scheme. These can be used for different areas of a room and achieve a striking look that feels cohesive.



CREATE SIMPLE AND DESIGNER SCHEMES

Sweet EmbraceTM can be used on its own or with one other colour for a simple scheme. If your customer is feeling more adventurous, combine any of our 2024 colours with Sweet EmbraceTM to create their own signature look.



WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Dulux Academy Skills Development Consultant, Nicola Holmes, gives her top tips to help with selecting colour.

1. START WITH VISUALISATION



When picking a colour, inspiration can come from anywhere, this could be; flooring, wallpaper, curtains or even a vase. With the **Dulux Visualizer** you will be able to find out the closet colour match as well as a selection of colours that work with the starting colour. Even better you can them use the app to see this colours come to life in a living space, the **Dulux Visualizer** within our **Dulux Trade Paint Expert App** uses augmented reality technology to enable you to see the colour come to life before it has even been painted on the walls.





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2. GET CREATIVE



Why limit your customers walls to just one colour when a custom design awaits? Consider your walls as canvases, open to a variety of colour options.

3. TEST YOUR COLOURS



Once your customer has made a shortlist of their favourite shades and finalised their palette, the best way for them to see exactly how the colour will look is a colour sample pot. These can be ordered online or collected in store.

"OUR COLOUR OF THE YEAR SWEET EMBRACE™ PROVIDES A DELICATE AND POSITIVE FOUNDATION FOR ALL THE COLOUR PALETTES" HELEEN VAN GENT, CREATIVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL AESTHETIC CENTER



Colours to create a space where you belong

This year we want to inspire you to turn your home into your special somewhere a place that feels just right for you. With our three new colour stories and Sweet Embrace™, the Colour of the Year that completes them, you can create whichever mood you need.





Calm Colours

SOFT, FLUID GREENS AND BLUES BRINGING CLARITY AND PEACE OF MIND FOR A SIMPLIFIED SPACE

Warm Colours

GLOBAL, EARTHY TONES TO BRING A COMFORTING SENSE OF BELONGING FOR A PERSONAL SPACE





Uplifting Colours

DREAMY LILACS AND MODERN YELLOWS TO BRING FUN AND LIGHT-HEARTEDNESS FOR A FRIENDLY SPACE

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