

## Trends for 2011

Although you don't need to slavishly follow colour trends, it's fun to check out what's happening around the world.

Tara Jarret, managing director of Rouge Living, has spotted some great colour combinations from the spring fashion season in New York and Paris that will translate fabulously into your home.

"Flirtatious Honeysuckle is the 2011 Pantone colour of the year. This vibrant pinkish-red hue brings a playfulness to this season's palette," Tara says.

"Warmer colours such as spicy, sophisticated Coral Rose orange, and Beeswax honey-yellow, look beautiful when paired with cool refreshing colour-wheel opposites, such as blue Regatta or romantic Lavender."

And for this year's autumn-winter palette, Debbie Palce, senior product developer for Amalfi, suggests neutrals with moss green and a touch of yellow, blues with cool grey and a hint of dark chocolate, and bright purple, red, pink, aqua, black and white for the more adventurous. >

## The light fantastic

You can fill a room with fabulous furniture and cover the walls in vibrant colours or striking wallpaper, but with a flick of a switch the entire ensemble can be ruined.

The wrong lighting can wash out colours and textures, form dark shadows and create an unpleasant ambience. However, when used correctly, lighting can enhance an already beautiful interior, and can become a dramatic design piece in itself.

It's also about flexibility, says Denise Hammond, business development manager at Beacon Lighting.

"Ideally, a lighting design should be flexible, with the ability for lights to be dimmed or turned off at night. Lighting can also be used to emphasise objects and colours in a room," Denise says.

The trend for lighting at the moment is simplicity, natural and woven materials, and energy efficiency.

"This is an extension of eco-inspired living," Denise says. "In contrast, we are also seeing more glitz and glamour, with polished chrome and crystal fittings." >

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