

# FEELING BLUE

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Often viewed as a conservative colour, blue symbolises accomplishment and reliability. Recently out of favour in the colour stakes, particularly in contemporary decorating schemes, trends for 2011/2012 are seeing the return of blue for interiors and crisp, dark navy is quick becoming a modern alternative to black. The mid-blues that are currently in vogue look very sophisticated when teamed with grey rather than crisp white – opt for grey carpet as a sleek and more contemporary alternative to the ubiquitous beige.

Monochromatic colour schemes are very effective and also offer a simple, straightforward decorating solution. Take one colour, perhaps a mid-blue, and add black, white and grey in varying strengths. You'll be amazed with the range on offer and you can manipulate the mood of the space by incorporating more of the lighter or darker tones, depending on the feel you want to create. Also consider the aspect of the room and whether you will be using it during the day or in the evening – you may want to use clearer, brighter blues for a south-facing area and leave the greyer blues for a sunny west- or north-facing room.

The Essentials Salso range of fabrics from Designers Guild is a versatile collection of superb-quality basic upholstery fabrics that feature light and dark blues, soft greys and white alternatives. You could introduce blue paint into the scheme or keep it simple with a stylish grey. Dulux Thunderbolt Blue is a gorgeous deep grey blue that looks great offset with either Flooded Gum or Dieskau. Roman Bath and Oxford, also by Dulux, are softer alternatives and Lexicon in quarter strength is the best off-white in the Dulux range to accompany these colours.

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