

A glorious riot of colour



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There's a fabulous new trend towards beautiful vibrant colours and if you like them hot and strong you'll welcome the exciting alternatives to beige, greys, and black and white.

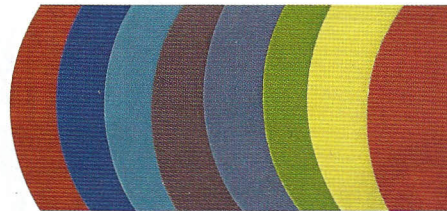
Colour accents are always popular, and the new palettes are putting bright hues back at the forefront of decorating styles – so 'vivids' are no longer simply an accessory.

But one new idea doesn't replace another – it simply fits in and sits alongside the palette of muted greys, black and white, and the lovely natural greens and taupes that we would find it difficult to decorate successfully without.

Bright hues look fantastic against white as it's the perfect foil for a riot of colour. They also go marvellously with mellow ochres and terracotta, the traditional shades of Morocco. Lovers of strong, rich tones, however, may feel a backdrop of exotic colour is appropriate for these fabrics. Deep blues, dark reds and soft natural greens are likely possibilities here, but they must be in a flat finish.

Powerful colour with any kind of sheen won't work in this style of decorating. But lime washes, either chalky or finished with fine-grained sandpaper, work particularly well.

WHERE ONCE THERE MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OR TWO STRONG, BRIGHT SHADES IN A DESIGN, NOW WE'RE SEEING MANY VIBRANT HUES COMBINED TO PRODUCE A COLOUR SCHEME THAT'S POWERFUL AND RICH – AND DEFINITELY TAKING CENTRE STAGE.



Murobond's range of traditional paints offer the perfect solution. Those shown here are from the Murowash range.

FROM LEFT: Cherry Red, Pacific, Breeze, Boysenberry, Mulberry, Lilypond, Lettucegreen, Moscow.

KA International has a great collection of truly stunning multicoloured fabrics for use outdoors. Designed in Spain, these textiles encompass many things we associate with the Mediterranean and North Africa, conjuring up images of the vivid ceramic tiles seen in southern Spain and Morocco. These colours when mingled are vibrant and exotic, and – above all – 'sociable', all of which makes them the perfect choice for an outdoor entertaining area. They could also work well in a place adjoining an open-air 'room' to link the outside with the interior, and create a unified decorating scheme.

