



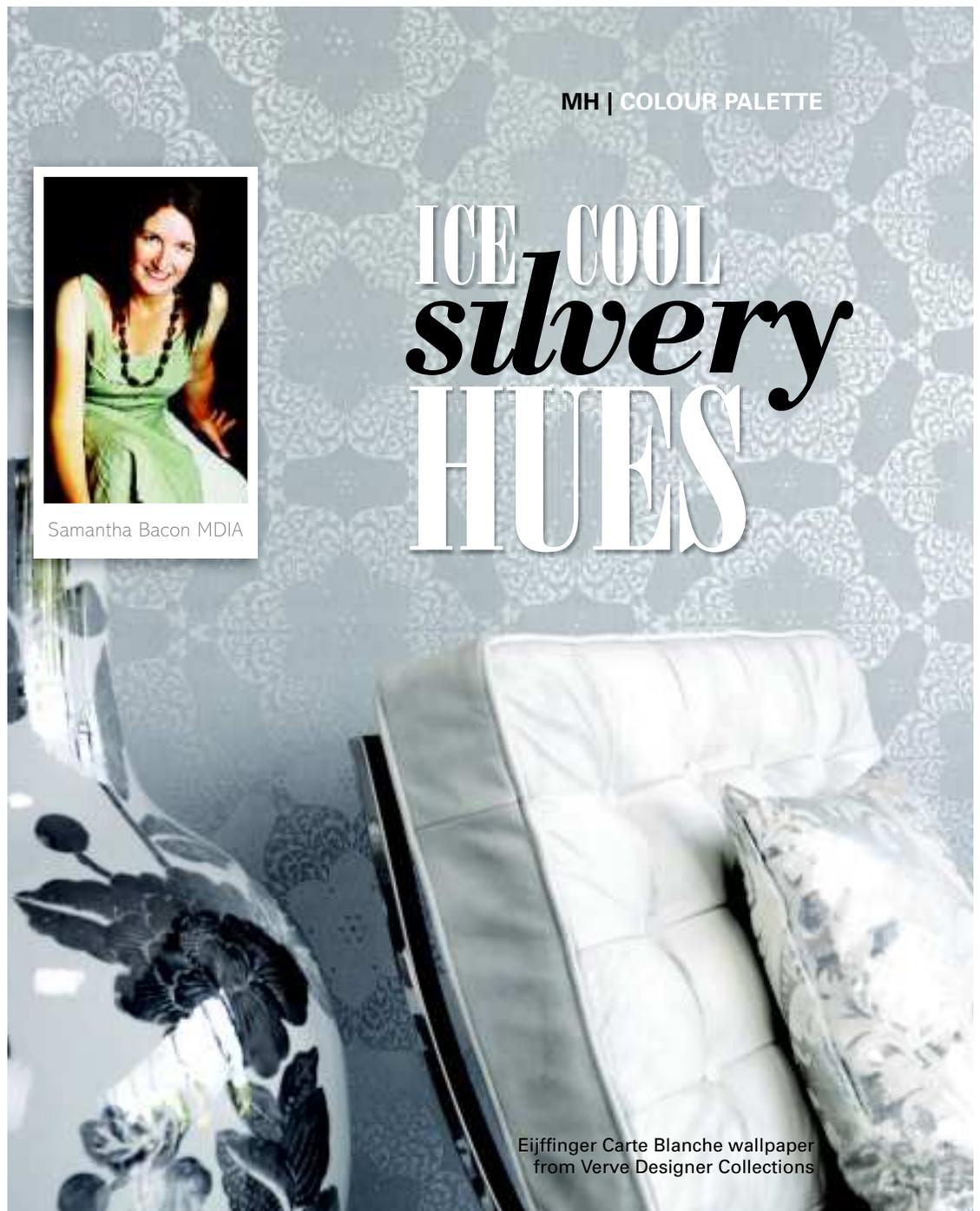
There are few colour palettes that scream contemporary style more than the combination of silver, light grey and crisp, clean white. This palette has very minor tonal variation and when used in a decorating scheme brings a surreal quality to the space.

COOL AND CALM

The effect of employing a silver, light grey and white palette is one of airiness and lightness, almost as if the room is floating. These light, cool colours suggest clean lines and cutting-edge design with more than a touch of opulence. While the scheme is restful and calming, its coolness can become uncomfortable so it's most important to introduce soft texture. For example, ultra-soft cashmere throws, rugs of wool and silk and smooth velvety fabrics will bring comfort to a palette that suggests such coolness.

SLINKY SILVER

It's the introduction of silver to this colour palette that really makes it work. White and light grey alone could appear a little flat, but silver gives it the lift it needs. There are many paints and wallpapers available that contain the colour silver, or you could try introducing it in the form of photo and picture frames, mirrors, ornaments or lamp bases.



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Eijffinger Carte Blanche wallpaper from Verve Designer Collections

LIGHT BRIGHT

To ensure the look remains light and airy it's important to restrict the colours in the scheme and keep them at a very similar tonal level, which means that even the flooring should be a light hue. Whitewashed floorboards work well as the colour palette is kept light, but the use of timber in the scheme brings a softer, more natural look than ceramic or porcelain tiles. For people who love this look but desire a splash of colour, remember it should be just a small accent and not too deep or vibrant.

PRECIOUS METALS

Silver tones are very prevalent in the Eijffinger range of wallpapers from Verve Designer Collections. Many of their designs employ a metallic element, often understated, so that you can introduce a metallic effect to your scheme without it being too over-powering. Shown here are wallpapers from the Bijoux and Carte Blanche collections which create a cool contemporary look but are still pretty and soft. Dulux Snowy Summit is one of the coolest whites in the Dulux range while Great Star and Nolita are two of their most neutral light greys. Their metallic hues of Moon Marvel and the slightly darker Metal Icon go well with these colours and are part of the Dulux e-Magine trend from their 2011-2012 colour forecast.

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