

A COUNTRY-STYLE DESERT PALETTE

As the search for all things sustainable continues and our passion for the natural environment grows, so does our appreciation of its expansive beauty. Colour consultant Samantha Bacon looks to the range of hues found in the Australian desert for inspiration.



The landscape is abundant with naturally occurring tertiary colours and this is demonstrated perfectly in a warm palette where the colours are reminiscent of a desert. It's achieved by mixing together the secondary colours of pure orange and purple, resulting in a collection of soft terracottas, ochres, rusts and warm pinks.

These natural hues remind us of the shades of an aged terracotta floor that's sustained hundreds of years of wear and tear but has ultimately improved with age. Similarly, the hues of the desert palette – which are the warmest of the three tertiary palettes – are neither gaudy nor showy, rather they're understated, simple and pure, and work together harmoniously. These colours are best when set against a warm white

background to ensure the warmth is tamed, especially in north or west-facing rooms where summer heat may be a problem. And they're particularly effective when teamed with natural stone or timber as they give a soft, easy feel to the decorating scheme.

The Mayfair range from Warwick Fabrics is a stunning vintage-style collection which showcases many of the colours from the tertiary desert palette and would suit a vintage-chic or country-style home. Meribelle in Crimson, Coral, Buttercup and Blush are great for plain upholstery, while Vasette in Citrus and Blush, and Floret in Coral and Blush are perfect country-style accent fabrics. Murobond paints are ideal for this scheme as they age to a matt patina. The Murowash range features rich tertiary colours with subtle variations, including

Almore, Arezzo, Bordeaux, Desert and Fez, and has a flat, streak-free finish.



▲ Warwick's Mayfair range reflects the rich colours of a desert palette.



▲ Shown here, from left to right the Mayfair collection of Warwick Fabrics: Meribelle in Crimson, Blush and Buttercup



▲ Also from the Mayfair collection are Vasette in Citrus, and Floret in Blush and Coral.

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Arezzo

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Fez

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Almore

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Desert