



Don't underestimate the advantage of a neutral scheme for the exterior of your house as it offers the perfect backdrop for you to have fun and introduce fresh splashes of colour each year. Here we explore what neutrals work best outside and why.

THE OUTDOOR ROOM

As one of the most important spaces in the home, an outdoor room or undercover area can be used all year round for entertaining and as an additional dining and living space. Often flowing directly on from the kitchen or living room, the colour scheme for the outdoor area should be similar to the interior space so the look is cohesive. As well as the colour scheme, the timber floor boards inside usually match the timber decking outside too.

FANTASTIC FABRIC

Outdoor fabrics have only improved over time and are now more durable with stain repellent capabilities and a high resistance to UV rays. Most leading

fabric and soft furnishing companies have also recognised the demand and now stock at least one range.

These advances in design and technology mean that you can confidently leave fabric items outside to face the elements without a worry!

INSIDE OUTSIDE

Consider the colour scheme that you have inside and make sure that this links to the exterior accent colours you desire. For example your interior scheme may be accented with blue so ensure that at least one of the colours you use outside is blue to provide a link between the two areas. It's a good idea to use a neutral for your outdoor seating cushions as this ties in

with the wall colour of the house. Then bring in brighter, uplifting colours with scatter cushions and accessories.

COLOUR IT

Murobond's Pentimento Lime Wash is a fabulous paint to use for exterior walls and can be used for the house or simply for a feature wall in an outdoor room. This paint finish is soft and slightly mottled with a velvety texture which gives an aged, slightly imperfect finish. Donkey's Tail, Dry Stone, Morocco and Obsidian are great neutrals which can also be used in a regular matte or low sheen finish. For fabric, the new Resort Collection from Mokum Textiles will bring beautiful summer colour to your outdoor room and complete the look perfectly. **MH**



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Resort Collection from Mokum Textiles