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Sunny DISPOSITION

Resene Bird Flower

Resene Sunflower

Resene Alo Alo

Florence Broadhurst for Rapee.

Without a doubt, yellow is the happiest colour in the spectrum. Reminiscent of sunshine and warmth, it's a colour that, along with green, heralds the beginning of spring.

SMART CHOICE

Colour psychologists maintain that yellow is a colour liked by people with above average intelligence who like innovation and originality. Whether or not this is true for all people, there's no doubt that after a cold, dark winter, an injection of uplifting yellow into your decorating palette is a welcome addition.

BRIGHT DELIGHT

The key to using yellow successfully in interiors is to be restrained with its application and to carefully consider the brightness and intensity of the hue. Yellow

works well as a bold pop of colour in accessories such as cushions and lampshades or as a feature hue on a door or a small accent wall. However, if you are using the colour on a larger expanse of wall then the level of intensity should be pared back.

For a bold and on-trend statement, pair yellow with black. Yellow being the colour in the spectrum with the brightest level of intensity and black being the hue with the darkest tonal level, the combination is striking. Equally effective is if you combine yellow with fresh white, which has an uplifting and summery feel, perfect for this time of year.

DESIGN CLASSIC

The Florence Broadhurst for Rapee collection demonstrates how successful yellow is when paired with both black and white. The beautiful range centres on eleven archival prints by Florence Broadhurst including Japanese Fans, Waterwave, Cockatoo and Egrets.

If you want to extend the colour to paintwork then Resene Alo Alo is a great high-intensity contemporary yellow. For more traditional but bright yellows look to Resene's Bird Flower and Sunflower – but remember the old adage of 'less is more' and that the eye will rest upon yellow in every scheme so its location needs to be carefully planned.