

Exterior Colour Schemes - Where to start

If you are building a brand new home or planning to revamp your existing home, one of the most important decisions that you'll have to make is choosing the exterior colours. A house's paint has major impact on its overall appearance, so it is important to choose the best colours and paint for the job.



Your Streetscape



Colours From Nature



Inside Out



Fixed Features



Choosing Trim Colours



Adding Accent Colour

Finding Inspiration

First you need to decide what type of colour schemes you like and what colours work best for your style of home. The best way to do this is to keep a record of colour schemes that you are drawn to. Take photographs of the homes, or clip images from magazines as a starting point.

Your Streetscape

Your colour schemes should sit comfortably with other homes in your street. It doesn't need to look the same, but you should follow the same rules and not clash with your neighbours.

Colours From Nature

Nature is a wonderful inspiration for colour schemes that work together. Look at your home's surroundings such as trees, flowers and foliage.

Inside Outside

Consider the colours that you have used on the inside of your home too. You may want your colour scheme to flow from the inside out.

Fixed Features

Make sure that you consider fixed features when you are choosing a colour scheme. Down pipes, roofs, garage doors and brickwork are often colours that you may decide not to change. Make sure that your new colour scheme incorporates them.

Choosing Trim Colours

One of the easiest and most popular ways of choosing colours for your trim is to stay with shades that are in the same colour family in lighter or darker tones.

Adding Accent Colour

You can add accent colours in interesting ways to your home. Highlight an architectural feature on your home and then carry it through to your letter box.

Colour Resources

Always test your colour outside at different times of day to ensure it is exactly the shade that you want.