

Where to start

For colour consultant Jenny Heperi, of Carpet Court, creating the perfect colour palette all begins with the flooring. "I encourage my clients to think the same way about carpet and colour as they do about that key piece in their wardrobe. You have purchased the little black dress for a dinner date but are leaving straight from work," shares Jenny, "so you dress it down for work during the day and then transform it with simple additions like shoes and jewellery for night. It is the same with your interior colour palette, get the base right and anything is possible."

Supporting this is Nikki Morris, colour consultant from Resene, "the floor of your home is the most expensive and difficult thing to change, so it is essential you get it right before moving onto your paint colours."

When working with your colour consultant it is just as important to know what you don't like, as much as what you do like. Both Nikki and Jenny agree that one of the best places to start is by collating ideas that you are inspired by, or are instantly drawn to. "Rip ideas out of magazines, print pictures from the internet,

Where should you start when it comes to planning your interior colour palette? We talk to the experts

gather inspiration from wherever and whatever you can," shares Nikki.

Creating a mood-board of images and inspiration will provide you with something tangible to take along when meeting with your colour consultant who will then be able to assist you in drawing out base and accent colours. "We will also ensure you are considering things like the purpose and size of the room and the impacts of natural elements such as light, so the end result is not only useable but something you will love," comments Jenny. ■

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CALM & COLLECTED

Carpet Boulder-Sand Dune from Carpet Court
Wallpapers Resene Habitat 47542 and 47526
Paint Colours Resene Quarter Rice Cake, Resene Boulevard and Resene Half Baltic Sea



PLAYFUL TOUCHES

Carpet Boulder-Wind Watcher from Carpet Court
Wallpapers Resene Habitat 47532 and 47560
Paint Colours Resene Cloudy, Resene Black White, Resene Material Girl and Resene Matakana



ELECTRIC LIVING

Carpet Boulder- Seven Seas from Carpet Court
Wallpapers Resene Habitat 47514 and 47543
Paint Colours Resene Black Haze, Resene Double Alabaster, Resene Impromptu and Resene Clockwork Orange



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Our colour masterclass will look at creating a perfect pairing between paint and wallpaper