

ELLE DECORATION

Blue is the colour

This month's pick of great colours, textures, patterns and paints that work well together. Showing that anything can be the catalyst for a great interior scheme... it's where inspiration meets practicality

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1 THE INSPIRATION

Blue, blue, electric blue, makes me feel like... Well, how does it make you feel? Blue is often cited as our nation's favourite hue. I assume that's because it connotes sunny days and Mediterranean seas – in short, escapism and holidays. And yet, if you were to colour most foods blue, tests say, the majority of people would find them inedible. So blue is a colour of opposites in many ways. It can be cool and calming, but also invigorating. Hard to wear in some tones, it is literally uniform in others. It's nearly always soothing, though – the colour of balance and consideration. No anger or heat here. Which is precisely why we believe it will be the colour of 2012. It needs to be.



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2 THE PALETTE

- 1 'Tribeca' cotton fabric, £36 per m, Sanderson (sanderson-uk.com)
- 2 'HP48' ceramic tiles, £26.40 for four, Habibi (habibi-interiors.com)
- 3 'Tanager Gingham' cotton fabric, £52 per m, Ralph Lauren Home (ralphlaurenhome.com)
- 4 'Moroc' linen fabric, £262 per m, Tissus d'Hélène (tissushelene.co.uk)
- 5 'Andalucia' terracotta tile, £11.95, Fired Earth (firedearth.com)
- 6 'Marrakesh' ceramic border tile, £96 per m, Habibi (habibi-interiors.com)
- 7 'Slendang' linen fabric, £130.50 per m, Nobilis (nobilis.fr)
- 8 'Zebra' cotton-mix fabric, £166.60 per m, Turnell & Gigon (turnellandgigon.com)
- 9 'Agapanthus' ceramic tile, £79.95 per sq m, Criterion Tiles (criterion-tiles.co.uk)
- 10 Handmade cement tile, £105 per sq m, Emery & Cie (emeryetcie.com)
- 11 'Marmoleum Dual' linoleum flooring, £36.99 per sq m, Forbo (forbo-flooring.co.uk)
- 12 'Prismatics' ceramic tile, £24 per sq m, Johnson Tiles (johnson-tiles.com)
- 13 'Cotignac' hand-glazed terracotta tile, £3.65, Fired Earth (firedearth.com)
- 14 'TWS Agadir' porcelain dish, £15, Driade (driade.com)
- 15 'Drawing Room Blue' matt emulsion (in dish), £32.50 for 2.5 litres, Farrow & Ball (farrow-ball.com)

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3 THE PAINTS

Make your home a vision in blues, from azure to navy, and accent with shades of white for intense impact.

'All White' matt emulsion, £32.50 for 2.5 litres, Farrow & Ball (farrow-ball.com)

'Antique White' acrylic paint, £11.95 per litre, Eicó (eico.co.uk)

'Powder Blue' matt emulsion, £17.48 for 2.5 litres, Crown (crownpaint.co.uk)

'Blue Yonder' acrylic paint, £11.95 per litre, Eicó (eico.co.uk)

'Ultramarine Blue' water-based tint, £18 for 0.5 litres, Auro (auro.co.uk)

'Pitch Blue' matt emulsion, £32.50 for 2.5 litres, Farrow & Ball (farrow-ball.com)

'Woad Blue' matt emulsion, £29.50 for 2.5 litres, Fired Earth (firedearth.com)

'Balgown' matt emulsion, £22.98 for 2.5 litres, Crown (crownpaint.co.uk) ▶

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