

60 seconds with... FRANCESCA WEZEL

HAVING CREATED PAINTS FOR THE LIKES OF PRINCE CHARLES AND BIBA'S BARBARA HULANICKI, SELF-TITLED 'COLOUR ARTISAN' FRANCESCA WEZEL IS ONE LOCAL DECORATING GURU WORTH KNOWING. HEAVER STEALS A CHEEKY CHAT...

The ultimate mood-boosting colour to paint a room ...

Green is calming, perfect for a bedroom, and red is good for a dining room because it stimulates conversation. But whatever the colour, it must be deeply pigmented, velvety, chalky and matt, it has all got to do with the paint finish. I personally love deep earthy colours, even though I have just developed a marvellous new collection of fresh blues, turquoises, apple greens and whites. All colours are beautiful!

The moment I first felt the power of colour...

in a dream as a child, everything was blue, brown, dark grey but then yellow and orange and pink came in and everything was going to be fine.

A super-power I'd most like to possess...

Flying!

A weird and wonderful fact I learnt recently...

The world's first University was established in Takshila, India in 700BC. And, giraffes can not swim.

I'm totally addicted to...

yoga and chocolate.

You wouldn't know it but I'm rather talented at...

speaking backwards. As children, my sister and I had a password that we used between ourselves which was CITAMOTUAREPUS (super automatic).

The best piece of advice I've ever been given...

When I was 20 and leaving home my grandfather told me to believe in myself. It really helped me lead an adventurous life.

And finally, it's not cool but I love...

singing made-up songs loudly when I shower in the morning!

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