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2 INTELLIGENT COLOUR DRENCHING

Colour drenching has been a big trend, and experts are predicting an evolved version to fill our rooms with colour, eschewing white for ceilings, coving and picture rails to add interest.

'Try Portland as a warm, stony equivalent to white,' suggests Milla Elder of Edward Bulmer Natural Paint. 'Match with Hespan, or for more drama add some Nicaragua or Rose.' Ruth Mottershead, creative director at Little Greene, believes the importance of ceiling colour can't be overstated. 'Often the largest expanse of colour you'll see in a room, a ceiling can transform how a space will feel. Painting it is a great way to finish the look and create instant impact. Try using tonal colours that coordinate with wallpapers or wall colours to achieve a cohesive "colour drenched" look.'

BELOW Add instant impact by painting ceilings in a shade that tones with the wallpaper or wall paint, like this bathroom in Federal Green Eco Emulsion, from Francesca's Paints.



FROM TOP Bold stripes in Naples Yellow and Whiting, Edward Bulmer Natural Paint. Furniture styled by Toby Lorford; painted checks in Graphenstone's Periwinkle and Indian Terracotta make a striking feature; stripes in Farrow & Ball's Incarnadine against Breakfast Room Green walls.



3 CHECKS AND STRIPES

Whether you decide to paint a small focal point or daub an entire wall, checks, stripes and other patterns add unique character and interest. 'Dress up your fireplace by painting it using checks,' suggests Patrick Folkes, founder of Graphenstone UK. Periwinkle and Indian Terracotta make for a dramatic combination. 'We also love stripes, and this trend will endure,' he predicts. 'You can add a small accent or go large, for example, on the stairs for a welcoming look.'

Fashion stylist and consultant Sarah Corbett-Winder is a keen fan of the trend and her guest bedroom, painted using Edward Bulmer Natural Paint, provided a perfect canvas for experimentation: 'Stripes are a big theme in our house... we painted the walls and ceiling first in Paris Grey, and then artist Lucy Mahon added the hand-painted Aquatic stripes.'