

WINTER FABRIC, PATTERN AND COLOUR:

ADVICE FROM THE EXPERTS

Update your home this winter and create a stylish seasonal look with our expert advice on winter fabric, pattern and colour choices

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LUCY CLARKE

Tartans and stripes are very big at the moment, as well as luxurious textured plains, tweeds and heavy velvets. This season we like our florals big, think wall panels with large repeat motifs.

HELEN KAUFMAN

Look for beading on cushions and throws. Textures such as wool and felt can be used to upholster sofas and chairs to create a statement piece. Geometric patterns and emotive words are used on cushions this season to lift neutral tones. >>>>

OPPOSITE PAGE

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'Mezzo' sofa, BoConcept; 'Como' sofa, BoConcept; patterns and emotive words are used on cushions this season to lift neutral tones. >>>>



WHAT COLOURS WILL YOU BE USING FOR THE 2010 AUTUMN/WINTER SEASONS?

KELLY HOPPEN

Neutrals with deep purples and powder pastel colours.

REBECCA DAVIES

Gorgeous, warm burnt oranges, reds and ochre yellows are featured in a lot of the new fabric and wallpaper ranges, along with the more unusual midnight blues, duck egg and grey-toned blues.

ALICE BUCKLEY

A homely bunch of earthy reds and berry colours, sunny yellows, muted oranges and peaches.

BEN HUCKERBY

Deep rich reds and aubergines mixed with metallics can be teamed with furs to create a luxurious comfortable and cosy feel; perfect for those cold winter nights curled up in front of a roaring fire with a glass of red wine.

LUCY CLARKE

Jewel green is perfect for adding a splash of bright colour to those dreary autumn days. Emerald velvets bring luxury to any winter scheme. Muted brown and grey or charcoal shades for larger items of furniture are always a good investment, accessorised with classic autumnal shades of burnt reds, oranges, purples and mossy greens. We also love rich metallics combined with winter whites and creams.

JULIE KERNER

Vintage colours are big news this winter, and blue is certainly one colour that we have focused on; from a pale soft blue shown in our accessories, to a deep vintage blue on walls, soft furnishings and rugs.

HELEN KAUFMAN

Colours this season vary from pale biscuit to caramel, coffee to dark chocolate, with underlining accents of vintage blue, greens, rust and dark red.

WHAT PATTERNS AND TEXTURES WILL YOU BE USING FOR THE 2010 AUTUMN/WINTER SEASONS?

REBECCA DAVIES

A lot of cosy old-fashioned wool fabrics with tailored patterns of pin stripes or checks, updated in contemporary zingy colours like shocking pink and lime green. Delicate florals and botanical forms in calming tones.

ALICE BUCKLEY

Mix and match traditional plaids, against colourful explosions of florals. Textured velvet stripes, patchwork fabrics and beautiful embroideries all fuse together to create a quintessentially English home. In addition modernity meets luxury by way of unusual fabrics and techniques, mixing old and new, metallic prints on rustic linens and floral prints on traditional velvets.

BEN HUCKERBY

Texture is paramount this season. Mix opulent velvets with furs and contrast against leather.

KELLY HOPPEN

ANYTHING TACTILE. TEXTURES THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO SINK INTO ON A COLD WINTERS NIGHT: CHENILLE; VELVET; BOILED WOOL ETC.

HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR HOMES FEEL MORE COSY AND COMFORTABLE USING SOFT FURNISHINGS AND ACCESSORIES?

KELLY HOPPEN

Swap your soft furnishings for more tactile fabrics, replace bands on cushions with velvets, make subtle changes and you will change the whole mood of the room. With your accessories if you can't afford to buy new accessories perhaps have a reshuffle of items that you already have, display them in different rooms or simply rework your current displays.

JULIE KERNER

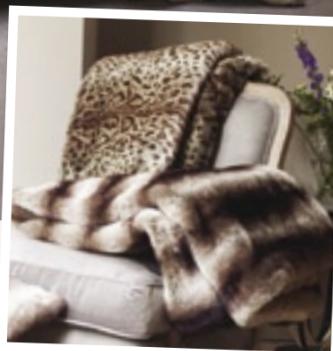
Mixing lots of different fabrics together is on-trend this winter. Use lots of cushions in different textures on sofas; fur, wool, silk and felt are cosy and inviting. Don't forget to add a big soft throw to complete the look.

HELEN KAUFMAN

Tactile textures like wool, felt and fur make the home more warm, welcoming and inviting.

ALICE BUCKLEY

Soften up a leather sofa with a chunky knitted throw and some luxurious velvet cushions. As the winter nights roll in think about changing the lighting in a room, add odd table lamps and/or a standard lamp and turn off harsh overhead lighting.



BEN HUCKERBY

Soft lighting and candlelight, executed through oversized storm lanterns helps create an atmosphere. Also try lighting plants from underneath to cast shadows across the ceiling. If you have young children try using 'Smart' candle battery powered tea lights that are charged up overnight. Available from Ben Huckerby Design at £199.

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LUCY CLARKE

THIS WINTER WE CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF COMFY CUSHIONS, POUFS AND GORGEOUS TEXTURED THROWS.

REBECCA DAVIES

Buy a woollen shawl or throw in a warm colour to drape over the sofa. It can also be draped over your shoulders when you want some warmth and comfort. Add a couple of faux-fur cushions,

light some cinnamon scented candles, and buy a dark coloured lampshade to scatter ambient lighting about. Fill baskets and vases with stems of autumn leaves and berries. And buy yourself a huge designer mug to fill with hot chocolate.

MEET THE PANEL...



KELLY HOPPEN is a world renowned British interior designer with her own collections of paint, fabrics, rugs, carpets, and ceramics.



BEN HUCKERBY is a passionate interior designer, whose opulent, contemporary style won him the accolade of Best Interior Designer at this year's Northern Design Awards.



JULIE KERNER is the owner of three BoConcept stores in the North of the UK and has a passion for design and styling.



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REBECCA DAVIES is an interior designer and vintage enthusiast, who won the Best Newcomer title at this year's Northern Design Awards.

KELLY HOPPEN

ADD CASHMERE THROWS TO YOUR SOFA, ADD TACTILE RUGS TO WOODEN FLOORS, PERHAPS CHANGE TO A HEAVIER CURTAIN TO NOT ONLY KEEP OUT WINTER DRAUGHTS BUT ALSO GIVE A DIFFERENT COSY VIBE TO A ROOM.

DO YOU HAVE ANY PRODUCT SUGGESTIONS THAT WOULD PERK UP THE HOME THIS WINTER?

BEN HUCKERBY

Every home needs a Geneva sound system. The award winning Geneva iPod docking station offers amazing sound from a compact stylish portable device. Some models feature a CD player so eradicating the need for numerous pieces of equipment. The Geneva only has one wire so no more tangles and untidy cables. Please visit the Ben Huckerby Design shop to view the different models and their features.

LUCY CLARKE

The Scozzese collection from

Missoni Home is perfect for this season, the colours are so rich and the patterns really bring a cosy yet classy feel to a room. Their Chevron candles come in a range of great winter colours and also make a coveted gift! If you want to try a splash of emerald green check out the fantastic graphic 'Key Shadow' rug by Suzanne Sharp for the Rug Company or some amazing 'varese' emerald velvet from Designers Guild.

JULIE KERNER

Try BoConcept's 'Occa 10379' coffee table, £829. It has three drawers that pull out which you can fill with festive goodies, and a glass top that be can used to display that special item so every



time you look at it, it reminds you of a favourite place or person, or holiday you had this summer.

HELEN KAUFMAN

We love BoConcept's Japanese-Doll candlesticks. With their bright and quirky colours, they are sure to lighten up your home throughout the winter. BoConcept have also introduced a fabulous gift-set of six individually designed mugs, perfect for adding a unique setting to your table this winter. ■

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