About Interior Colour Trends

Our home is our castle - it is a place where we want to feel good. The colours we choose to surround ourselves with play an important part in our well-being.

We often get to hear that colours of past decades are back in fashion. In fact, colour trends are a repetitive cycle of preferences. Furthermore, external factors also affect how these colour preferences move to certain areas of nuances and hues. Colour truly is psychology.

This means that our colour preferences change over time. The definition of the word preference itself indicates both whether we like yellow, red, blue or green, or if the colour is light, dark, neutral or chromatic. The study of colour trends is about understanding how our use of colour changes over time.

NCS Interior Colour Trends 2023+ is a unique report on our colour preferences for the following years. It is developed by internationally renowned colour experts and the palettes are relevant to suit any market and country.

The colour trends of today are easy to embrace and welcome into our homes.
The warm and comforting room.
Cocooning

This room is where we want to be. Cocooning is an escape room of warm and calm colours that invite us to relax and to feel how the energy returns to our minds. The colours are low chromatic on the yellow-red side and a slightly bluish red. Using lighter, warmer colour on bigger surfaces, gives our designs a sensory approach. The details in the Cocooning room are in a chromatic red spark of colour, to give the design energy. Brown also becomes an accent in 2023, as a piece of furniture or other detail that offers an important sense of balance and contrast.

The Colours

Low chromatic yellow-red colours indulge us. NCS S 1020-Y60R is the perfect hue with influences of both warm yellow and paler nuances. The lighter NCS S 0510-Y60R makes our room warm and light. We feel inspired and optimistic, comforted in our everyday lives.

Comment

We recommend the use of the other colours as accents in our Y60R spaces, in details such as textiles or furniture. Wood is essential and contributes to nourishing closeness to nature and our feelings. NCS S 1060-Y90R is an important accent. This coral red colour gives our design energy.

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Colours from our nature.
Passages

This space is one of change, we want to feel that things are happening. Passages is a room of sustainable earth colours, in contrast to darker red, blue and orange - a beautiful contrast of colours from our nature; from the ground and above. A dark chromatic blue and a deep, true red are opposites – but at the same time they belong to each other. This balance of blue and red together with more neutral and natural colours gives us that mood of change.

The Colours

The key colours are the earth colours; NCS S 2020-Y10R and NCS S 5030-Y.

NCS S 2020-Y20R is a beautiful and harmonious reminder to walk through a field of wheat, or a sand landscape.

NCS S 5030-Y is equally beautiful and harmonious but a more earthy reminder, close to the solid ground. It is a dark yellow shade that is warm and relaxing.

Comment

The main colours should not be used alone, we need to have the red and the blue preferably together, and why not the orange as well for details. The dark blue green colour is perfect as a secondary colour, for a sofa or similar. It is our solid rock to hold on to.

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The beauty of contrast.
Re-Genesis

Challenge the old and conservative - welcome the beauty of contrast. Here, we can use a mix of both vintage and super modern furniture. Using light and dark colours in contrast further emphasises this feeling of eclectic design. The contrast consists of light yellow, green and red with powerful purple and a new standard NCS colour; a dark -B50G. The greenish blue introduces us to calm and balance in this palette of contrasts.

The Colours

NCS S 4040-B20G – the petrol blue is key and gives us a feeling of a newness and elegance. It is a darker greenish blue colour that feels new and different. It should be used in combination with one of the lighter shades.

NCS S 0520-G90Y is a very light, greenish yellow. We are leaving the more common reddish yellows for a new hue G90Y which is increasing in popularity.

Comment

Contrasting dark and light colours gives is a sense of luxury, in this case a new kind of luxury. The dark purple is a very powerful colour that should be used together with the light colours. The greenish blue black should be used on many different details in the room.

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Joyful colours with a flavour of the virtual world.
This room is a manifestation that colours are back, being important in our spaces. Neutral and white spaces are gone, since they did not give us any feelings at all. Being trendy, we have one foot in the digital world and one foot in the physical world. Discover sparks of pink, mint green in an ultramarine blue and/or orange world with a metaverse feeling.

NCS S 4550-R70B is a key colour in this palette. This specific colour, was forecasted independently from many different parts of the world. It is an important reddish blue colour - dark and powerful in its expression. R70B is a hue that we normally appreciate very much.

NCS S 1060-Y50R is a strong orange that comes with connotations from the digital world. Usually, this colour has not been common to use for bigger surfaces like walls. However, this has now changed. We appreciate this strong colour and want to use it in our spaces, preferrably in combination with other chromatic colours.

The Colours

NCS S 0530-R80B

NCS S 1060-Y50R

NCS S 1070-R20B

NCS S 4550-R70B

NCS S 1070-R20B

NCS S 0520-G30Y

This trend has very unusual colour combinations. Gen Z, the generation that are now becoming adults, celebrate these colours because they are bold, happy, non-conventional and give us a feeling of a happy world!
Colour is a decisive feature, whether or not a design is successful. In order to make the correct colour decision, we need to understand the colours which we are working with.

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With the NCS System as the core, NCS Colour AB offers products and services that provide support to educate, design, visualise, produce, analyse and sell colour. Today, NCS is used as a cross-industrial colour language and has an international presence in over 80 countries.
In 2023, we return to be a little bolder with our colour choices. We have been through a time of safe colour choices. Now, we are focusing more on warmer shades, either in reddish yellows or reddish blues. We want joyful colours.

The lighter colours will continuously be a choice for the bigger surfaces. However, the darker and bold colours are not only spot colours anymore, they will also be used on larger surfaces.
A great finish makes all the difference

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