

# INTERIOR COLOUR TRENDS

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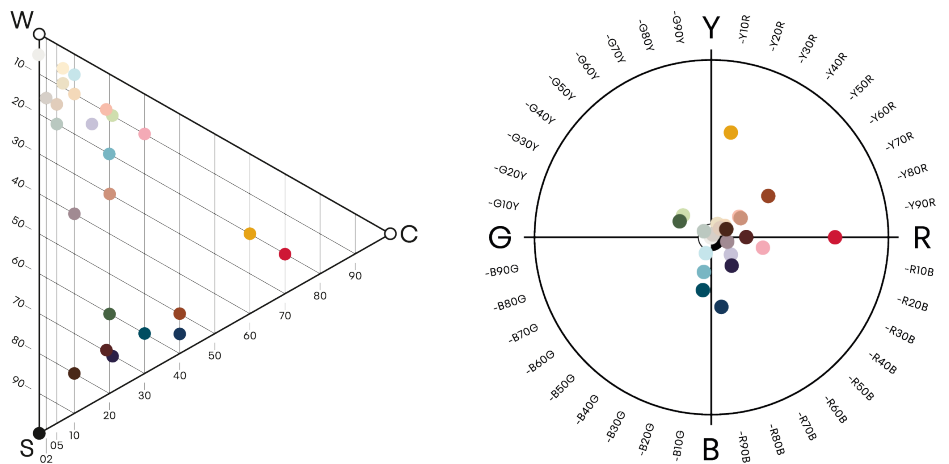
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About

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Our colour preferences change over time. The definition of the word preference itself means both whether we like yellow, red, blue or green or if the colour is light, dark, neutral or chromatic.

There are no new colours, all colours have always existed. The study of colour trends differs from the study of other trends. It is about understanding how our use of colour changes over time. It has got nothing to do with new colours on the market.

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.

Our home is our castle. It is a place where we want to feel good. The colours we choose to surround ourselves with have an important part in our well-being. The colour trends of today are easy to embrace and to welcome into our homes.







## Trend #1

# VIRTUAL RELATIVITY



KEYWORDS:  
Comfort, tender,  
relief, sweet.

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## The sweet and tender room

This is a comforting trend where we escape reality into a room that is sweet and tender. The colours are a combination of soft pastel colours and white, enhanced with a deep and dark blue accent.



A large rectangular color swatch of a muted mint green color.

NCS S 2020-B10G

NCS Index: 138/4

A large rectangular color swatch of a light, dusty purple color.


NCS S 1515-R60B

NCS Index: 86/7

This mint green colour has risen to become trendy. It is a perfect wall colour, not too light and not too chromatic. The colour gives the room a clear personality without becoming too intense.


A purple pastel that makes the room light and relaxing. It is a bluish purple that is suitable for a bedroom or any space where we want to feel relaxed. A tint of red gives the colour warmth.

#### COMBINE WITH:

A rectangular color swatch of a light beige or off-white color.

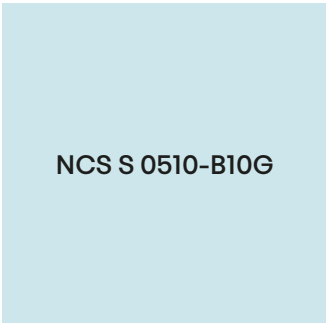
NCS S 0500-N

NCS Index: 1/2

A rectangular color swatch of a soft pink color.

NCS S 1030-R10B

NCS Index: 94/4

A rectangular color swatch of a light sky blue color.

NCS S 0510-B10G

NCS Index: 126/7

A rectangular color swatch of a dark navy blue color.

NCS S 6030-R90B

NCS Index: 163/2

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#### COMMENT BY NCS COLOUR EXPERT:

The pink NCS S 1030-R10B, balanced by the accent dark blue NCS S 6030-R90B, is an important part of this mood. The pink is key to achieve the final mood of fresh sweetness and relief. It should thus be used on smaller surfaces in the room. The dark blue functions as a bridge between the hues, making sure you avoid that this trend becomes too cute. It creates a contrast which makes a beautiful and vivid room.

## Trend #2

# BIO-DEPTH

KEYWORDS:

Relaxation,  
mysticism,  
depth, luxurious.



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## The mystic, elegant and embracing room

This room emits a feeling of mysticism, luxury and elegance. The colour mood of this trend is about submerging into a mystic world, finding comfort in the darkness. The colours are a combination of both dark and lighter shades. The light colours are to be used as accents and spot colours. In this mood the dark colours should dominate on greater areas.



A large square color swatch of a deep, dark teal-green color.

**NCS S 6030-B30G**

NCS Index: 163/5

A large square color swatch of a dark, muted purple color.

**NCS S 7020-R70B**

NCS Index: 123/10

A mystic and relaxing deep and dark green colour that gives the room a soothing and elegant feeling.

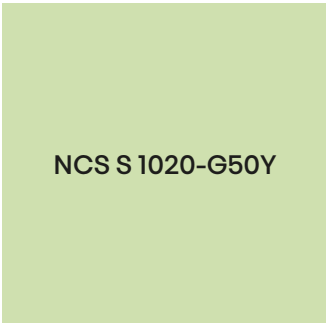
A spiritual and striking dark purple that evokes a further feeling of power and luxury.

#### COMBINE WITH:

A square color swatch of a muted, dusty purple color.

**NCS S 3020-R30B**

NCS Index: 107/6

A square color swatch of a light, muted green color.


**NCS S 1020-G50Y**

NCS Index: 181/7

A square color swatch of a light, muted orange color.

**NCS S 1510-Y40R**

NCS Index: 3/7

A square color swatch of a dark, muted purple color.

**NCS S 7020-R10B**

NCS Index: 123/4

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The deep and dark colours in this trend can both be used separately on walls or combined together to create an elegant and dynamic room. The colours are very similar in nuance which makes them easy to use together. In case you choose to use only one of the dark colours for your wall, try to have at least one more on details such as cushions. To further emphasize the mood of this trend, you need to have spots of light in the room. NCS S 1020-G50Y is a light green colour that creates a beautiful contrast to the darker shades.

## Trend #3

# SEEDS



KEYWORDS:  
Pride, folklore,  
nature, roots,  
origin.

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## The room of going back to our roots

This room is for you who want to be trendy and bold. The colours are natural but strong, exactly what our folklore represents. This creates a feeling of being proud of who we are and where we are from. The yellow and the green wall colours are very different in nuance and hue, but similar in yellowness. This contrast makes the room come to life.



A large square color swatch of a vibrant, slightly reddish yellow.

NCS S 2050-Y10R

NCS Index: 53/4

A large square color swatch of a yellowish green.

NCS S 5020-G50Y

NCS Index: 207/5

From not being used as an interior colour for many years, we now welcome this chromatic, slightly reddish, vibrant yellow colour back into our rooms. When using this colour you are making a statement of boldness and pride.

This yellowish green brings the nature into our room. The colour reflects the love of life and spaces that reconnect us to nature. This green shade inspires us, boosts our productivity and contributes to a stronger sense of well-being.

#### COMBINE WITH:

A square color swatch of a grey color tinted with yellow and green.

NCS S 2010-G30Y

NCS Index: 174/6

A square color swatch of a vibrant red color.

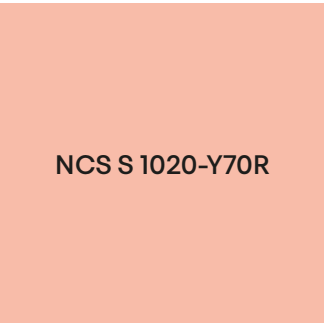
NCS S 2070-R

NCS Index: 104/8

A square color swatch of a light yellow color.

NCS S 0507-Y20R

NCS Index: 24/5

A square color swatch of a light pink color.

NCS S 1020-Y70R

NCS Index: 43/10

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The grey colour NCS S 2010-G30Y is tinted in both yellow and green and goes very well together with the two wall colours of this trend. It is a perfect colour to frame the walls with, for windows, doors etc. Add NCS S 2070-R on smaller spots to make the room feel fresh. When you combine these colours with the light yellow NCS S 0507-Y20R and light pink NCS S 1020-Y70R on details such as cushions or similar, the room gets balanced and elegant.

## Trend #4

# HONESTY

KEYWORDS:

Warmth,  
comfort,  
humanity,  
sincerity.



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## The room of human warmth

This is a very warm trend. Brown shades are important in our lives today. They give us tranquility and assurance. These wall colours are both yellow red mid tones, one lighter than the other. None of them will be perceived as very light or very dark. All of the colours in this group are similar in hue which makes the colours comforting and harmonising.



A large rectangular color swatch of a warm, brownish earth tone.

NCS S 3020-Y60R

NCS Index: 59/9

A large rectangular color swatch of a light, warm yellowish-brown tone.

NCS S 1010-Y30R

NCS Index: 28/6

This is a warm, brownish earth tone. The colour gives a comforting and embracing feeling and will make the room full of warmth.


This colour will give the room both warmth and light.

#### COMBINE WITH:

A rectangular color swatch of a dark, reddish-brown tone.


NCS S 5040-Y60R

NCS Index: 70/9

A rectangular color swatch of a light, warm yellowish-brown tone.

NCS S 0907-Y10R

NCS Index: 24/4

A rectangular color swatch of a light, warm yellowish-brown tone.

NCS S 1502-Y50R

NCS Index: 5/2

A rectangular color swatch of a dark, warm brownish-grey tone.

NCS S 7010-Y70R

NCS Index: 72/10

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NCS S 5040-Y60R is a darker and quite chromatic reddish brown that is perfect to frame both of the wall colours. The contrast of chromaticness together with a similarity in hue has a stylish effect. NCS S 0907-Y10R, a light yellow and NCS S 1502-Y50R, a light yellowish and reddish grey, are both perfect to use on details in the room. NCS S 7010-Y70R is the very needed dark contrast colour that is beautiful to use as a detail in combination with the other two lighter shades. If you use NCS S 1010-Y30 R as wall colour, it is even more important that the dark colour exists as an accent. All of the colours are similar in hue which assures a perfect, warm harmony.

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NCS Interior Colour Trends 2021+ is a unique report on our colour preferences for the following years. It is developed by internationally renowned colour experts in collaboration with the team at NCS Colour. This special edition focuses on global Interior Colour Trends. The colour palettes are relevant to suit any market and country.

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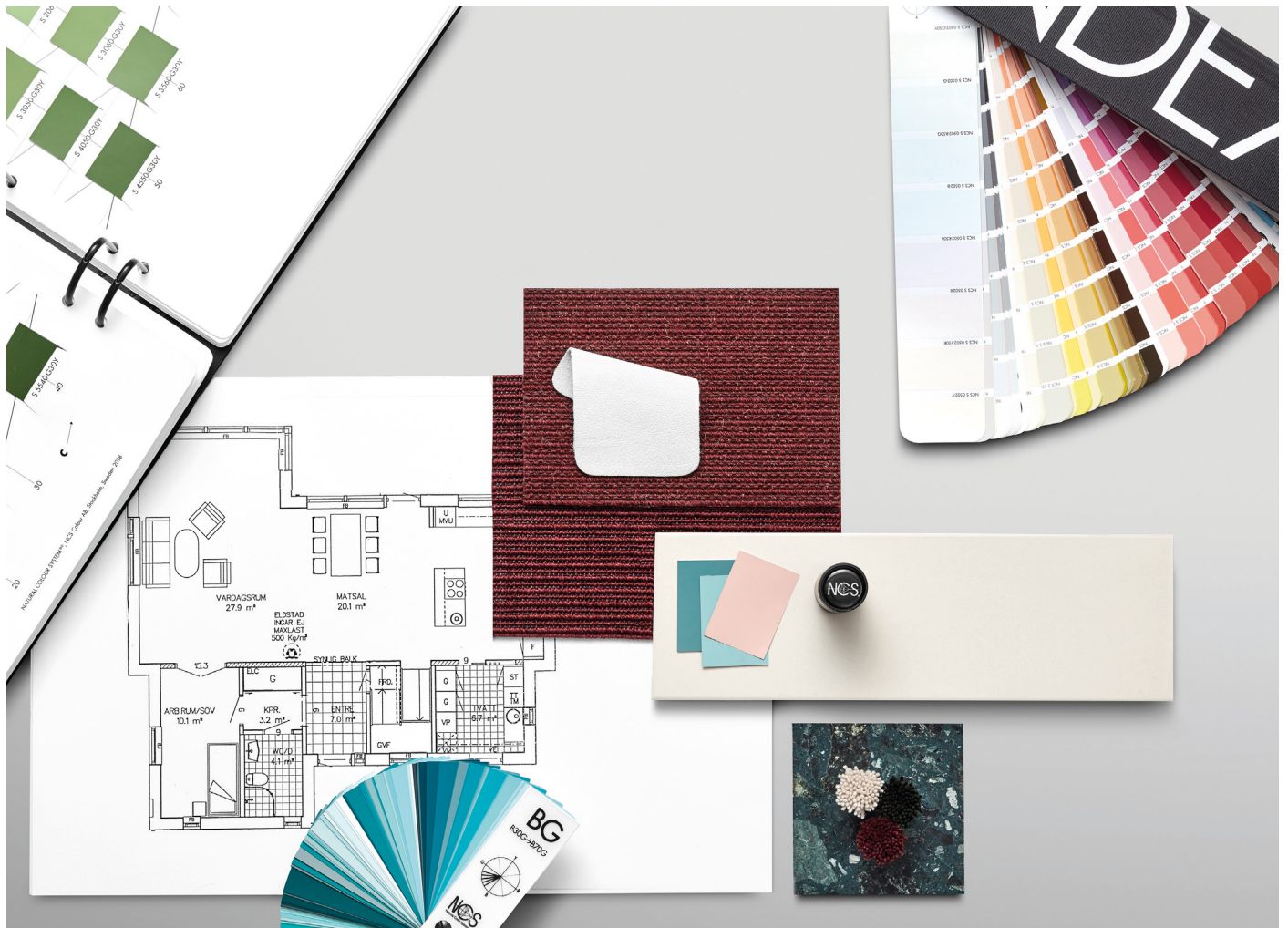
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