Rock the pop

We dare you to deviate from the cookie cutter world and inject a dose of eccentric personality with a pop of colour.

Many will agree that colour induces an array of emotions. But what if we told you that we live in a far greyer world due to mass consumerism and a global decline in culture?

A wild discovery by a research group used machine learning to track colour changes in everyday items. All commodities, from bed sheets to cars dating back to the 1800s, were colour-coded and added to a database. What they found was a prominent skew of colour disappearing from the world. The modern homes of the 70s featured bold oranges, emerald greens and wallpapers bursting with textural patterns. Since Mies Van der Rohe introduced Modernism to the world, contemporary homes of today are minimal, neutral and stripped back, with a singular colour used as a feature if they decide to go 'bold.'

When you study heritage cultures around the globe, the world was once soaked in colour. We, as humans, have always been drawn to colour.

We're an emotive species who have always been drawn to the aesthetically pleasing nature of beauty. Colour reflects who we are and how we live.

The general rule of thumb applied to most homes are that the plainer and more generic it is, the easier it is to sell to the next renter, buyer or investor, yet the homes that often sell well are the ones that are memorable.

When we abide by modern trends and norms, we risk losing personality and a sense of belonging. Resene recognises this dire call for more colour to bring back into our homes, and to celebrate the rise of individuality, Resene's latest colour decks are vibrant and exciting, with the range being aptly dubbed Fashion Collection.

With your eyes being used to monochromatic environments, it may seem like a daunting idea to swing the other way and go all out on the pigments. You need not fear, as we're here to give you the lowdown on how to do this seemingly overwhelming process, in an easy yet tasteful fashion.

Orange & Blue

Resene Grenadie

Resene Wet N Wild To find slightly 'off-centre' tones from the stark blue and orange we see on the wheel, we've picked up Resene Wet N Wild and paired it with Resene Grenadier. We've selected a few beautiful pieces that nod to this complementary pairing, and you can instantly see how effective the pairing is. For example, the Bauhaus sofa is calling for Adairs' terracotta cushions. It's giving strong Californian accents reminiscent of the 70s.

How-to:

The notorious colour wheel is a tool that you may have last picked up in school. Remember ROYGBIV from third form? Using the wheel can show you how colours correlate visually, showing the relationship between primary, secondary and tertiary colours. There are several ways that you can utilise the colour wheel but we are going to focus on the method of colour blocking today for your interior sprucing!

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