

PALETTE CLEANSER

Interior designer and colour expert Samantha Pope sees heritage shades taking over this year, with blues, greens and, of course, greys all timeless options



Choosing the right colour palette for your home is no easy decision. After all, you'll be living with the results for a long time. And with most of us spending so much time indoors right now, creating a desirable space to work, rest and play is more crucial than ever.

Of course, transforming the walls of your bedroom or home office with the latest colours is all very well, but you want your efforts to last, striking that happy balance between style and substance.

When it comes to her clients' homes, London interior designer Samantha Pope, right, of Samantha Pope Interiors is exacting about the paint she uses. "I've always gone for Dulux," she says. "For me, it's not just about its understated elegance – it's about longevity, too. Dulux has such a good selection of colours and a great variety of applications as well as fantastic coverage."

The brand, which turns 90 this year, has a number of collections to choose from, but for timeless glamour, Pope says you can't beat its luxury Heritage range, expertly curated by Dulux's colourists.

What's in right now? "I see more demand for muted palettes that take inspiration from the past. Colours with a grey undertone seem to be increasingly popular."



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a more muted option with long lasting appeal.

With 112 shades in the Heritage range, there's something for all tastes to ensure not just great style that endures, but a perfect finish, too.

Colours are available in Velvet Matt for walls and ceilings; and Eggshell and Undercoat for wood and metalwork. To discover more visit duluxheritage.co.uk

A major trend last year, blue remains a hot favourite among homeowners, with the Heritage range's DH Oxford Blue offering a sophisticated take, although green is fast emerging as 2021's most coveted interiors look. "This last year has made people more open to wellness and wellbeing and that has influenced design in the home," Pope says. "Green is colour of balance – it's right in the middle of the colour spectrum – and is such a calming shade."

If the idea of decking out your walls the colour of your lawn feels a step too far, you can still stay on trend with Stone Green,

