

NEW LOOKS FOR LIVING ROOMS

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Create a stylish new scheme for your living space this spring with on-trend colour combinations, easy room updates and essential advice from design experts



Modern country

'Colour returns to the country in a bold re-interpretation of nature that brings interiors up-to-date, while at the same time introducing the richness of historical schemes. Think contemporary deep shades with a Dutch or Scandinavian feel, such as river grey-blues, combined with fire red or vivid spring greens. Interest comes from texture and architectural finishes rather than pattern; try re-painting dressers in rich shades and using textured fabric, such as linen, to re-upholster. Bring in the brights with cushions and lamps - petrol grey with tan and red or blue-black linen with violet. Channel the exuberance of spring, not the sombreness of autumn, and don't just confine the look to the country - period townhouses will adapt to it effortlessly.'

Stephen Dick, creative director at architectural design company Residence Interior Design



Curtains made from Up the Garden Path linen fabric in Winter, £48 per m; Traditional sofa in Dawn Chorus linen fabric in Lime and Winter, (H)84x(W)180x(D)105cm, £2,050; cushion with frill made from Pretty Maids linen fabric in Dove and Winter, £42 per m; piped cushion made from Dawn Chorus fabric in Dove and Winter, £48 per m; chair in plain linen fabric in Clay, £42 per m, all Vanessa Arbuthnott



Asquith three-seater leather sofa in Antique Whiskey, with wooden and brass feet, (H)77x(W)238x(D)96cm, £2,569; Holmes big trunk in Shiny Steel, made from a wooden frame and metal sheeting with leather trim, (H)40x(W)130x(D)80cm, £1,059; Granville oak office chest, (H)100x(W)112x(D)35cm, £999, Barker and Stonehouse

Decorative finishes

Create warmth with texture and nature-inspired details



Above Set of three Bardem aluminium trunks, with leather details and brass clasps, (H)50x(W)100x(D)60cm (large), (H)37x(W)42x(D)42cm (small), £652, Artisanti

Below Cherished Chesterfield brown leather two-seater vintage sofa, (H)78x(W)180x(D)95cm, £1,750, The French Bedroom Company



Right Mathieu Chailières La Volière pendant lamp, made from copper wire with decorative feather birds, (H)34x(dia.)45cm, £375, The Conran Shop



DESIGN TIP
 'Turn storage into a feature and hide clutter where you can. Beautiful storage not only adds texture and uniformity to a room, but you can also use pieces that double as seating or side tables.'

Sarah Devine,
 head of design at
 St Vitus London