

The Colour War is Here



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Colour is back. After quite a few years with shades of grey being a firm favourite, the power of colour is fighting back says fashion stylist, Kirstie Smillie

OVER THE last few seasons more and more colour has been seeping on to the high street, so now it is hard to ignore. There are bold clashes in clothing and accessories, so you can wear as much or as little as you feel inspired to. It's easy to add a lilac sweater, (look at *& Other Stories*) to your jeans look, but the fun comes when you clash a belt or bag... in yellow! Even brands known for their neutral conviction have added colour, *Mint Velvet* now do yellow, fuchsia and orange.

"Find the shade to suit your skin, are you a zingy or citrus yellow?"

As always there are options just to add to the confusion. Pastels are quietly easing themselves into the stores with lilacs, peppermint, buttercup and soft sugar almond, just this time the challenge is to wear it head to foot, if you dare!

"Go calm or crazy with soft hues or hot tones"

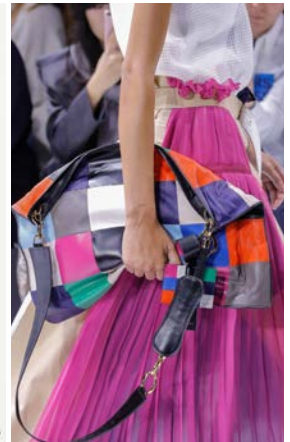
Homes too are brightening up, soft and sweet or bold and brave. So while I am busy adding colour into your wardrobe, our local interior expert, **Sarah Louise Dix**, runs traditional upholstery courses to add a pop of colour and print into your living room. If you are a beginner to upholstery, she can advise which course is best for you, chat over design ideas and hopefully add a punch of colour into your home scheme. Contact her on 01483 801108 for more details.

Whereas if painting in the pastel spectrum is your thing, **Changing Perceptions**, in Godalming's High Street offer furniture painting workshops where you can learn paint effects with expert techniques. For more details of how to revitalise a dated chair 'the Frenchic Way', call 01483 420436.

"If you are slightly nervous to go bold, try wearing an accessory first, a bright scarf or bag"



Highlight belts, *Pure Collection*; yellow clutch, *Whistles*; pink chair, *Made.com*



Above from left: cushion, *Habitat*; orange shoes, *Mint Velvet*; yellow dress, *Hobbs*; patchwork, *Sacai*.
 Middle: Going bold, *Paul Smith*; pastel pink, *Emporio Armani*; pistachio, *Tibi*; all lilac, *Michael Kors*.
 Bottom: Green layers, *Public School*; full clash, *Aalto*; blue hues, *Chanel*; man in red, *Jigsaw*.



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