



## BRING COLOUR INTO YOUR LIFE

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CHRISTINE YORATH EXPLAINS TO US WHY THE NEW YEAR SHOULD  
BRING A NEW BRIGHT AND BOLD STYLE TO YOUR HOUSE



**So it's that time of year again when the resolutions have been made and probably quite a few broken. A New Year brings all sorts of good intentions of change with lifestyle, wardrobe and even in our homes.**

Even if a home move is not planned it is always lovely to look forward to some sort of refreshment or redecoration and trends come and go in

interior design. I avoid looks which are considered to be very much "on trend" simply because they don't last and they are exactly what they say. Remember things like the striped wallpaper feature wall? Or the little row of three cacti in tiny square pots and bunches of twigs tied with string and dotted with fairy lights?

For many years "neutral" meant Magnolia painted walls and brown carpets and in the last couple of years it has been replaced with grey but sadly too many people didn't realise that with our climate we have to be very careful which shades of grey we use and trust me there are more than 50! To relieve the "greyness" of grey we would see the appearance of a few burgundy cushions or an orange throw.

Let's make 2018 the year we celebrate colour and individuality. If you go see Paddington 2 have a look

at the home of Phoenix Buchanan a happy, colourful, elegant, eclectic interior that would quickly put the pure minimalist in a sanatorium!

Matthew Williamson has designed a collection for Designers Guild which celebrates colour and pattern and the brave will use several patterns together. The key is simply to be confident and use what you like and makes you happy and don't worry too much about what others think.

Some people are very superstitious about having any images of birds indoors and yet I have noticed a lot of the new collections include colourful versions of our feathered friends in fabrics and wallpapers.

The rules are broken in lots of other ways such as using orange and pink together or checks with stripes... although interestingly these

rule breakers do work better with bright, bold colours than soft neutrals.

I am glad to see that shabby chic has had its day and is now just look shabby so if you are going to be adventurous with colour in your decorating please make sure the finishes do look professional and not like the work of the first time DIYer.

A review of 2018 could be the year you brought colour back in to your life!

*Till Next Time,  
Christine*

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