



COLOUR OF THE YEAR 2022

# BRIGHT SKIES™

Look up & imagine a FRESH NEW LOOK

**Light** and **airy** colour combinations to help you and your client **revitalise** your home

**One room, four ways** with **Bright Skies™**



Explore our global colour expertise

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The Workshop  
Colours



The Greenhouse  
Colours



The Studio  
Colours



The Salon  
Colours



Heleen van Gent, Creative Director, AkzoNobel's Global Aesthetic Center

INTRODUCING  
DULUX COLOUR OF  
THE YEAR 2022

# BRIGHT SKIES™

Once again, our **colour specialists** plus a team of top international design experts have gathered the latest global trends and insights, selecting a **Colour of the Year** with supporting palettes that reflects the mood of the moment – a tone that's set to have an impact on homes all over the world. Our Colour of the Year is a **light, airy and optimistic** shade that encapsulates a breath of fresh air. After a spell of feeling shut in, we crave expansion – the great outdoors, the open air, a **fresh approach** and a new start. We've gathered ideas and inspiration in this guide to help you and your client to **imagine** a fresh new look.



"DULUX COLOUR  
OF THE YEAR  
IS A LIGHT, AIRY  
AND OPTIMISTIC  
SHADE THAT  
ENCAPSULATES  
A BREATH OF  
FRESH AIR"

Heleen van Gent





# ONE ROOM, FOUR WAYS

Combine Bright Skies™ with beautiful shades from the ready-made complementary colour palettes to easily revitalise your home.

## THE WORKSHOP COLOURS

### A-DO-IT ALL SPACE

Multicoloured and joyful, this light, bright palette is perfect for reinventing the home, and zoning a multi purpose space. Positive and complementary, they make the functional fun.



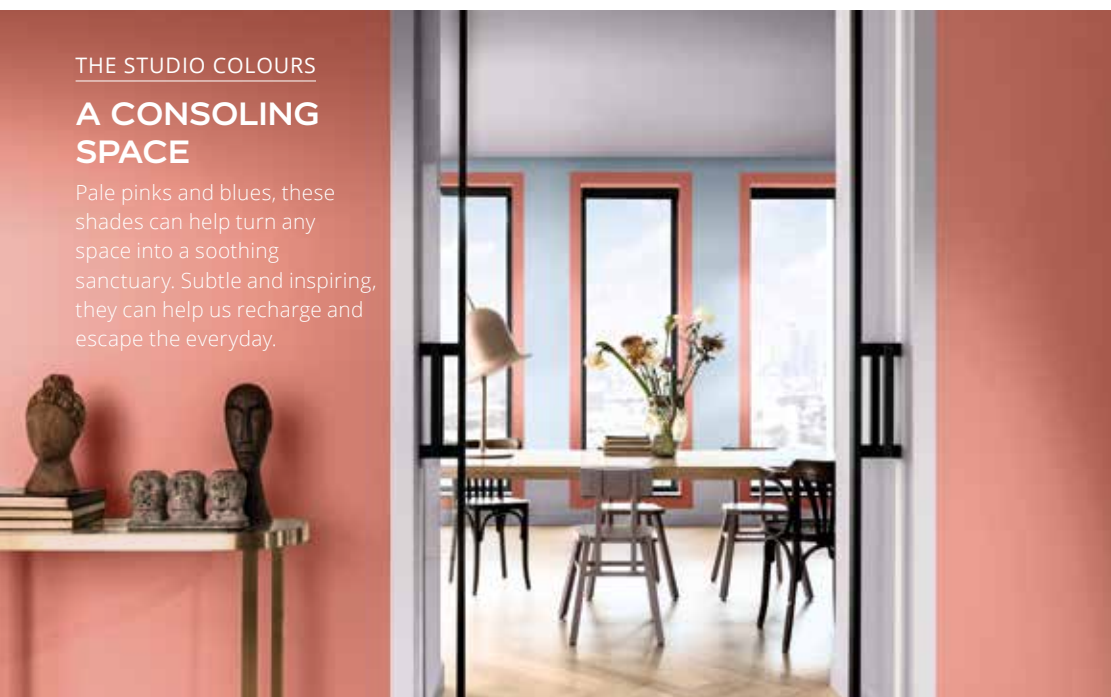
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Spiced Honey™  
00YY 26/220

## THE STUDIO COLOURS

### A CONSOLING SPACE

Pale pinks and blues, these shades can help turn any space into a soothing sanctuary. Subtle and inspiring, they can help us recharge and escape the everyday.



Blood Orange™  
29YR 27/355

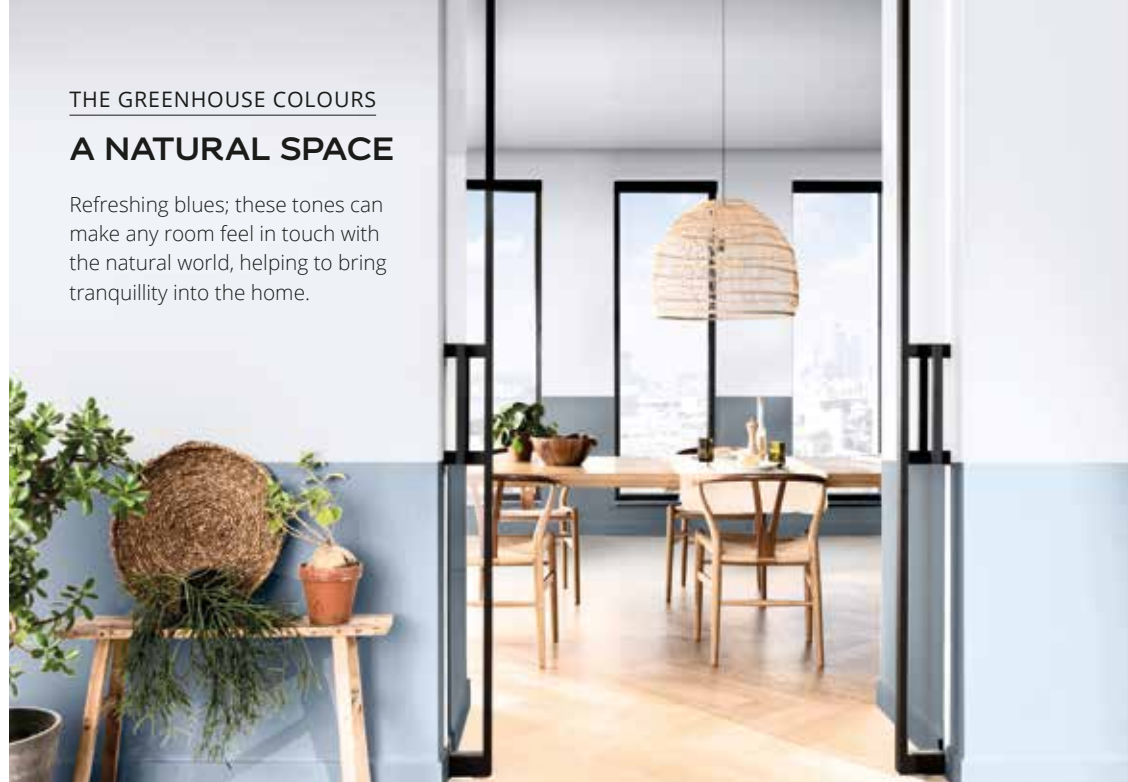
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14BB 55/113

## THE GREENHOUSE COLOURS

### A NATURAL SPACE

Refreshing blues; these tones can make any room feel in touch with the natural world, helping to bring tranquillity into the home.



Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Denim Drift™  
87BG 27/077

Moon Cloud  
10BB 73/039



Morning Oats  
44YY 65/034

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Brave Ground™  
10YY 30/106

## THE SALON COLOURS

### EMPATHY AND OPENNESS

Soft whites and light neutrals, these shades create the perfect blank canvas. Fresh and unifying, they can help make a home that's ready for anything.

Find out how to achieve these looks and paint effects at [Duluxtrade.co.uk/cf22](https://www.duluxtrade.co.uk/cf22)

# PAINT A SOOTHING SCHEME

Subtle, inspiring and joyful, the Studio palette of vibrant pinks creates a space where you can relax and feel inspired.

## #1 MAKE A STATEMENT

### PATCHWORK OF COLOUR

Coordinating shades from the Studio palette are ideal for a bright backdrop that's inspiring and inventive. Simply mix and match blocks of colour in a selection of your favourite Studio tones colours, alongside light and airy Bright Skies™.



Artist's Brush  
00YY 63/067

Pressed Petal™  
10YR 37/143

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Blood Orange™  
29YR 27/355

Warm Straw  
47YY 62/143

Violet Morning  
24RB 66/037

## #2 GOOD FOR THE SOUL

### ESCAPE THE EVERYDAY

Choose the soft, airy tones of the Studio palette with Colour of the Year 2022, Bright Skies™ for a soothing space to recharge and feel inspired.



Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Restful Slumber  
30BB 45/049

Birch Root  
50RR 32/029

## #3 ZONING

### BRIGHT, AIRY AND INSPIRING

Use a wide panel of paint as a great way to frame your furniture. A strip of Bright Skies™ is continued onto the ceiling for a wraparound look with a modern, fresh feel.



Warm Straw  
47YY 62/143

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

## #4 BLENDING SPACES

### ADD WARMTH TO ANY SPACE

In a large space, add warmth with a deeper pink tone set against a pale border. And think about the whole space not just one room. Adding details of the same colour in the adjoining area will help the whole scheme hang together.



Lilac Fancy  
50RB 48/051

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Blood Orange™  
29YR 27/355



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# BRING THE OUTSIDE IN

The trend-led greens and blues of the Greenhouse palette, used with Dulux Colour of the Year 2022, Bright Skies™, can make any room feel in touch with the natural world.

## #1 RESTORATIVE

### CONNECT WITH NATURE INDOORS

Bring the positive effects of nature inside with the fresh greens and blues of the Greenhouse palette used with Dulux Colour of the Year 2022, Bright Skies™ - our need for nature has never been so tangible.



Moon Cloud  
10BB 73/039

Denim Drift™  
87BG 27/077

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

River Valley  
50BG 44/094



## #2 MAKE THE MOST OF DAYLIGHT

### TURN YOUR CEILING INTO A SKY

Bright Skies™ is the perfect choice for overhead, giving a light and airy sense of limitless space in any room. Try combining it with cool, calm soft green walls from the Greenhouse palette for a fresh, wraparound feel.

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

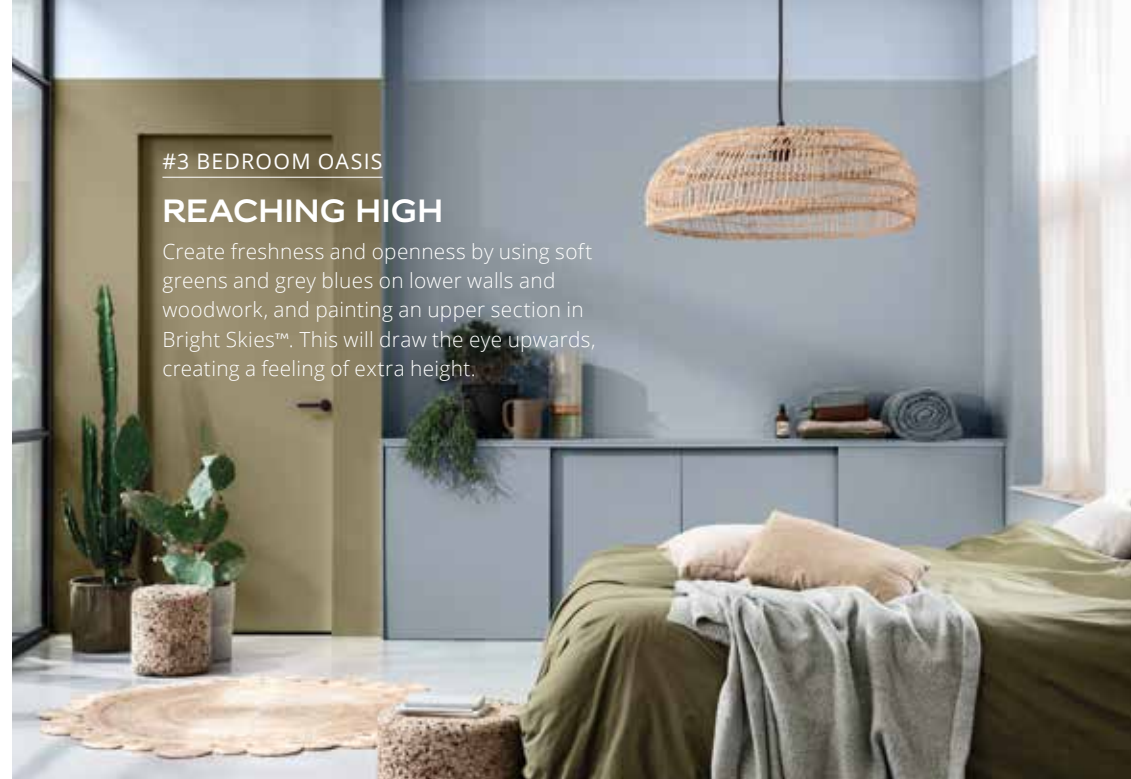
Fresh Foliage  
50GG 40/064

River Valley  
50BG 44/094

## #3 BEDROOM OASIS

### REACHING HIGH

Create freshness and openness by using soft greens and grey blues on lower walls and woodwork, and painting an upper section in Bright Skies™. This will draw the eye upwards, creating a feeling of extra height.



Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Rich Earth  
30YY 17/209

Denim Drift™  
87BG 27/077



Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Moon Cloud  
10BB 73/039

Tranquil Dawn™  
45GY 55/052

## #4 HIGH-TECH HARMONY

### SOFTEN YOUR SPACE

Opt for the lighter tones of the Greenhouse palette to make the most of natural daylight, and frame your workspace with a border of Bright Skies™ to add an uplifting, refreshing feel.



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# WITH YOU AT EVERY STEP

Look up and imagine a fresh new look with our 2022 Colour of the Year and complementary colours. Here's how Dulux can help you start your transformation...

## 1. START WITH VISUALISATION

Pick a colour from anywhere and see the colours come to life in your living space - all thanks to our free apps. As a homeowner you can download the Dulux Visualiser app or as professional look out for our new Dulux Trade Paint Expert App. Both built to include augmented reality technology, which is an easy and fun way to help you turn fantasy into reality.



## 2. TEST YOUR COLOURS

Once you've made a shortlist of your favourite shades and finalised your palette, the best way to see exactly how each colour will look is by obtaining a colour sample pot. These can be ordered online or collected in store by either customer or professional decorator.

To find your nearest  
Bright Skies™ stockist, visit  
[Duluxtrade.co.uk/cf22](https://duluxtrade.co.uk/cf22)

## 3. CHOOSE YOUR PAINT TYPE

Next, you need to decide on your paint finishes. We have a wide selection to suit every surface, from walls to woodwork and metal. All of our paint ranges have unrivalled depth of colour and will keep your interior looking beautiful for longer. Your professional decorator will be able to help advise and choose the best Dulux Trade product for the job.



## 4. GET CREATIVE

Now that you've chosen your colours, found the right finish and are ready to paint, the fun can really begin. At [dulux.co.uk](https://dulux.co.uk), you'll find lots of inspiration and ideas, along with expert tips and easy-to-follow, step-by-step advice to help you bring your walls to life. Whatever type of decorating project you're planning, we're here to help you embrace change.





# COLOUR MOODS

Be inspired by the colours from the 4 different colour palettes within this booklet.

## WORKSHOP GREENHOUSE STUDIO SALON

Every palette has a different mood and feeling, which can help when picking colours for particular styles.



## HOW TO USE A COLOUR PALETTE

All the colours within a palette have been chosen to work together in any combination.

If you want to use 2 or 3 colours from one palette in a space, you are safe in the knowing that those colours will work with each other.

# COLOUR TOOLS

Dulux Trade have created a number of colour tools to help you choose the right colour, from our Colour Futures booklet and Dulux Trade Fandeck to our professional Let's Colour Guide. We also have a professional suite of digital tools, including our Colour Sensor, which allows you to find a good colour match to a surface such as wallpaper or kitchen cabinets while syncing to our new Dulux Trade Expert App, which is free to download.





Romantic Reverie  
40RR 57/045

Violet Morning  
24RB 66/037

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113



Blood Orange™  
29VR 27/355

Pressed Petal™  
10VR 37/143

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113



Healing Spice  
34YV 31/502

Rose Canopy  
10VR 57/080

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Have you ever thought about adding shapes onto walls with your paint? A great way to draw attention to a piece of artwork, furniture or just to create an area of interest within a room.



Rubble Road  
95YR 16/038

Cliff Walk  
71YY 90/027

Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113



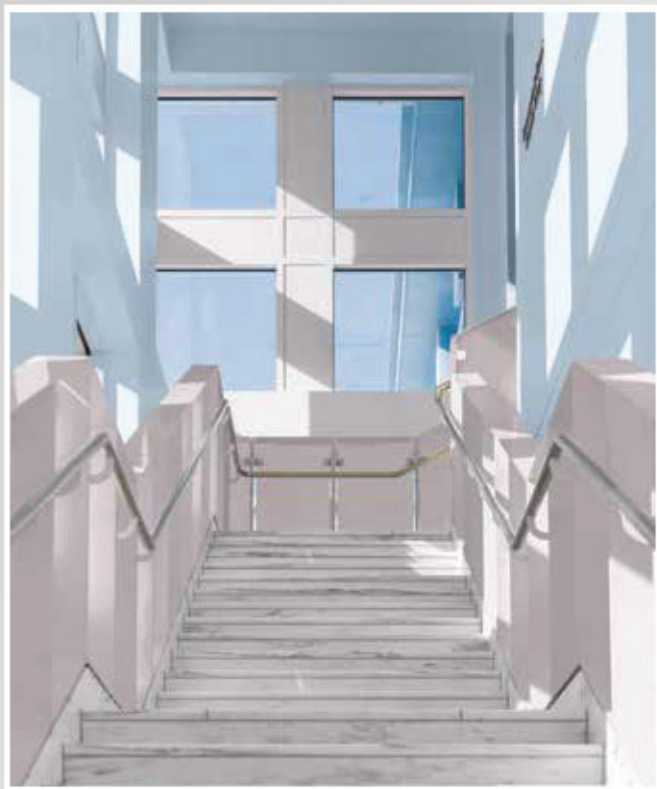
# LOOK UP AND IMAGINE

with Bright Skies™, Dulux Colour of the Year 2022



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COLOURFUTURES™ 2022  
INTERNATIONAL COLOUR TRENDS





# THE EVOLUTION OF COLOUR TRENDS

The Dulux Trade Global Aesthetic Center is committed to helping specifiers create better, more comfortable spaces with credible, on-trend colours. Each year, it invites a group of design experts to share their global trend knowledge. Using these insights and a wealth of colour expertise, the team then chooses a Colour of the Year, and builds four new, easy-to-use paint palettes around it.

## LAST YEAR

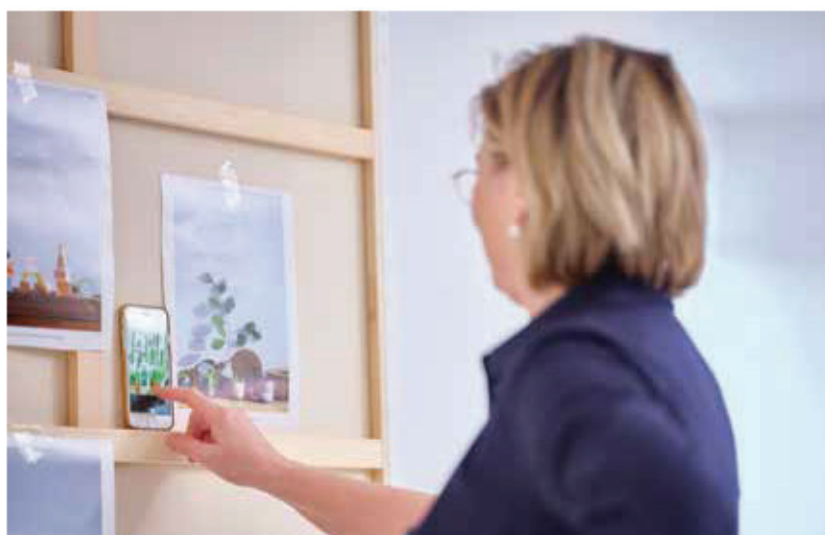
In 2021, we saw unprecedented global change. This led Dulux Trade to develop palettes around a warm, natural tone – Brave Ground™. Evoking stability, growth and potential, this harmonious, bolstering tone provided a firm foundation and helped to create balanced, restorative and unifying spaces across all sectors.

## THE WORLD TODAY

The effects of a global pandemic have accelerated change in all aspects of our lives and brought key questions into sharper focus. When we can work from home, what should we do with the office? When nature feels vital to our wellbeing, how can we keep it close? And, when we can be digitally available 24/7, how can we balance the social benefits of connectivity with our personal need to switch off?

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR COLOUR?

People want to understand how they can reinvent their surroundings, making them flexible and adaptable to accommodate changing needs. They want to know how they can integrate nature into daily life so its positive benefits can be felt by everyone. They want to know how to create soothing spaces as a restorative escape from everyday stress. And they want to embrace a fresh approach to living, welcoming new perspectives and ideas. They need a colour that brings a breath of fresh air.



Above: our experts consider the trends that will influence the Dulux Trade colours for 2022





COLOUR OF THE YEAR 2022

# BRIGHT SKIES™

Dulux Trade Colour of the Year 2022 is an airy, light blue that's fresh, open and invigorating. Reflecting the limitless skies around us, it delivers a flavour of the natural world and brings a breath of fresh air to a space. Used alongside a range of complementary palettes, Bright Skies™ is the perfect colour for updating both interiors and exteriors across a wide range of sectors and environments.



## PALETTES

Around Bright Skies™, we've built four inspiring and adaptable palettes that offer a variety of colour combinations for specific sectors. These easy-to-use palettes provide specifiers around the world with a comprehensive suite of on-trend, credible colours that can refresh interiors and exteriors across every sector, improving spaces and delivering inspiring results for both clients and users.



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# INTERIOR PALETTES

## WORKSHOP COLOURS

BRIGHT AND UPLIFTING



### ADAPTABLE SPACES

Uplifting and refreshing, these are colours that hold their own, that look good together and that work perfectly with Dulux Trade Colour of the Year. They are ideal for transforming hard-working environments that need to perform several roles at once. Complementary yet contrasting, Workshop tones can effectively define and single out separate 'zones' in a multipurpose space.

Treasured Coral  
60YR 31/368

Rose Canopy  
10YR 57/080

Lemon Jester  
65YY 70/540

Golden Cookie  
49YY 54/251

COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Bamboo Stem  
30GY 41/173

Spiced Honey™  
00YY 26/220

Healing Spice  
34YY 31/502

Cloudy Dreams  
11GY 85/016

Sky View  
06BB 39/179

## GREENHOUSE COLOURS

FRESH AND VITAL



### VITAL SPACES

Feeling connected to nature is good for wellbeing, and these colours bring in the positive feel of the outside world. Taken from nature's own palette, they can make any space feel fresher. In a rural setting, they can bring in a sense of the surrounding landscape; in the city, they can deliver a welcome reminder of green space and fresh air – something that's been shown to make people feel better.

Moon Cloud  
10BB 73/039

Fossil Hunting  
65YY 71/071

Tranquil Dawn™  
45GY 55/052

Cardamom Pod  
50YY 49/191

River Valley  
50BG 44/094

COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Fresh Foliage  
50GG 40/064

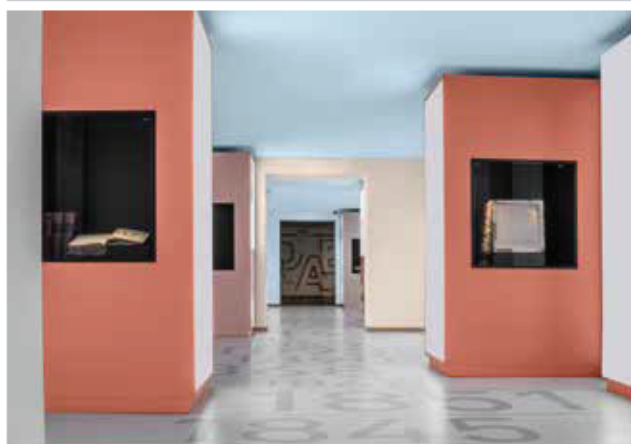
Calming Meadow  
70YY 34/180

Denim Drift™  
87BG 27/077

Rich Earth  
30YY 17/209

## STUDIO COLOURS

SUBTLE AND CONSOLING



### SOOTHING SPACES

The subtle tones of the Studio palette can add warmth and softness to any space, private or public. Used on their own or set against the freshness of Bright Skies™, these airy, inspiring tones can maximise daylight and soothe the soul. These are colours that can help to create the feel of a consoling retreat – somewhere that can provide respite from the stresses of daily life.

Warm Straw  
47YY 62/143

Artist's Brush  
00YY 63/067

Romantic Reverie  
40RR 57/045

Violet Morning  
24RB 66/037

Lilac Fancy  
50RB 48/051

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10YR 37/143

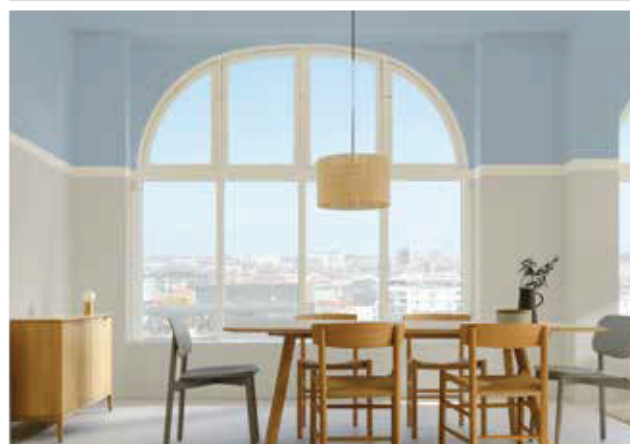
Restful Slumber  
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Blood Orange™  
29YR 27/355

Birch Root  
50RR 32/029

## SALON COLOURS

AIRY AND UNIFYING



### OPEN SPACES

The airy, neutral tones of the Salon palette can give a space a fresh start. Neutral and complementary, Salon colours bring lightness and openness to a space, giving a fresh, forward-thinking feel. Understated natural shades that can provide a unified blank canvas for furnishing and decoration, they're the perfect ingredients for a fresh approach in any environment.

Sloe Flower  
50BB 83/006

Cliff Walk  
71YY 90/027

Frosted Steel™  
30BB 72/040

Letters Unread  
13GY 77/016

Surrendered Skies  
88BG 62/005

Morning Oats  
44YY 65/034

Chic Shadow™  
00NN 53/000

Brave Ground™  
10YY 30/106

COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Rubble Road  
95YR 16/038



# BRIGHT SKIES™ AND ITS PALETTES: THE PERFECT INGREDIENTS FOR FRESH SPACES

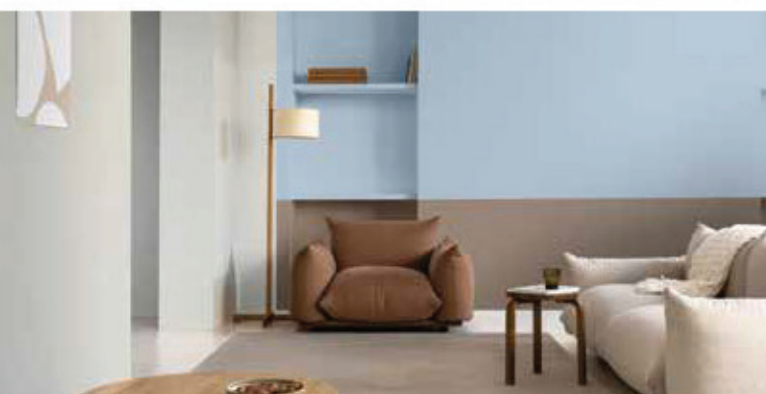
Dulux Trade Colour of the Year and its palettes deliver a ready-made way to help you improve spaces in any sector you work with. These on-trend, credible colours can transform buildings, both inside and out, creating comfortable and functional spaces that surpass expectations.



# EDUCATION



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# WORKSHOP COLOURS

An uplifting palette of bright, complementary colours creates a sense of freshness and dynamism, whilst also providing an effective solution for zoning different functional areas.

Treasured Coral  
60YR 31/368

COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Healing Spice  
34YY 31/502



## WORKSHOP COLOURS

### ADAPTABLE SPACES

**Colours:** Bright tones bring positivity and energy to any environment. They also work as accent colours to 'zone' different functional areas of a space that has to fulfil more than one role.

**Result:** A multi-coloured palette works practically, allowing open spaces to be zoned into smaller, more approachable areas and bringing dynamism to the space with colour.





Cloudy Dreams  
11GY 85/016

COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

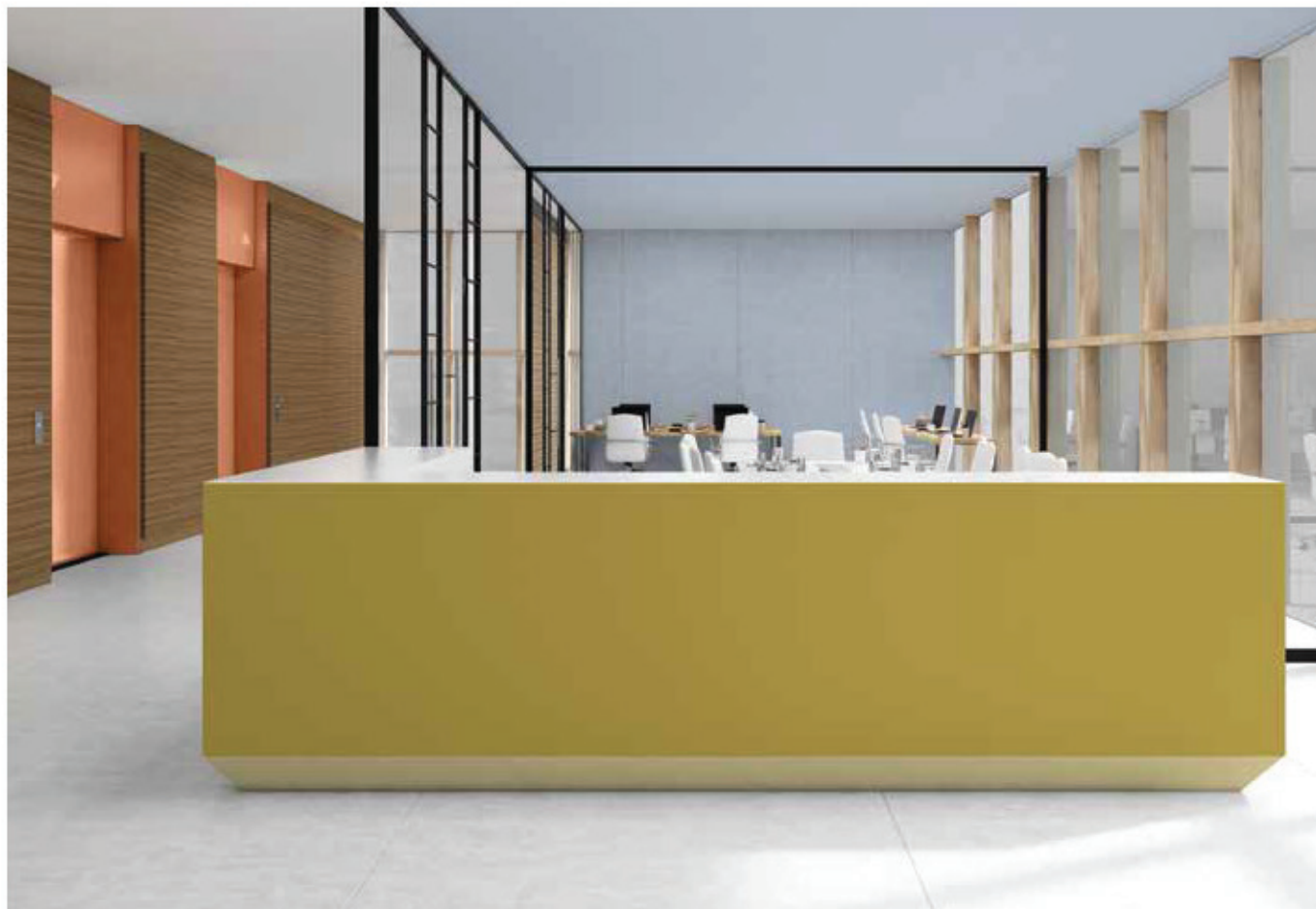
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10YR 57/080

Lemon Jester  
65YY 70/540

Spiced Honey™  
00YY 26/220

Treasured Coral  
60YR 31/368





# GREENHOUSE COLOURS

At home or in the office, studying or socialising, to counter this hyper digitized age we can benefit from spaces that make us feel connected with the natural world, and colour themes offering a positive, organic feel.

Rich Earth  
30YY 17/209

COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Denim Drift™  
87BG 27/077

Moon Cloud  
10BB 73/039





## GREENHOUSE COLOURS

### VITAL SPACES

**Colours:** Tones inspired by nature, this palette of greens, blues, browns and greys can help bring in the positive feel of the natural world.

**Result:** Natural tones can revitalise interior spaces, deliver a blast of freshness and help increase a sense of wellbeing. Colours that work together naturally also provide an instantly cohesive, easy-to-use decorative scheme.





COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Calming Meadow  
70YY 34/180

Fossil Hunting  
65YY 71/071







# STUDIO COLOURS

Subtle and consoling Studio colours, used with Bright Skies™, can improve the atmosphere in a range of environments across sectors, bringing a feeling of softness and comfort.

COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Artist's Brush  
00YY 63/067

Blood Orange™  
29YR 27/355

Violet Morning  
24RB 66/037





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Romantic  
Reverie  
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Lilac Fancy  
50RB 48/051

Violet Morning  
24RB 66/037

Restful Slumber  
30BB 45/049

COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Birch Root  
50RR 32/029





## STUDIO COLOURS

### SOOTHING SPACES

**Colours:** Warm neutrals, pale pinks and lilacs, these contemplative colours are soft, subtle and soothing.

**Result:** Calm and easy on the eye, these subtle colours can help create restful and inviting welcome or reception spaces, or add warmth and softness in time-out and re-charge areas, making it a palette that's versatile across multiple sectors - where you want to set people at ease.



Birch Root  
50RR 32/029

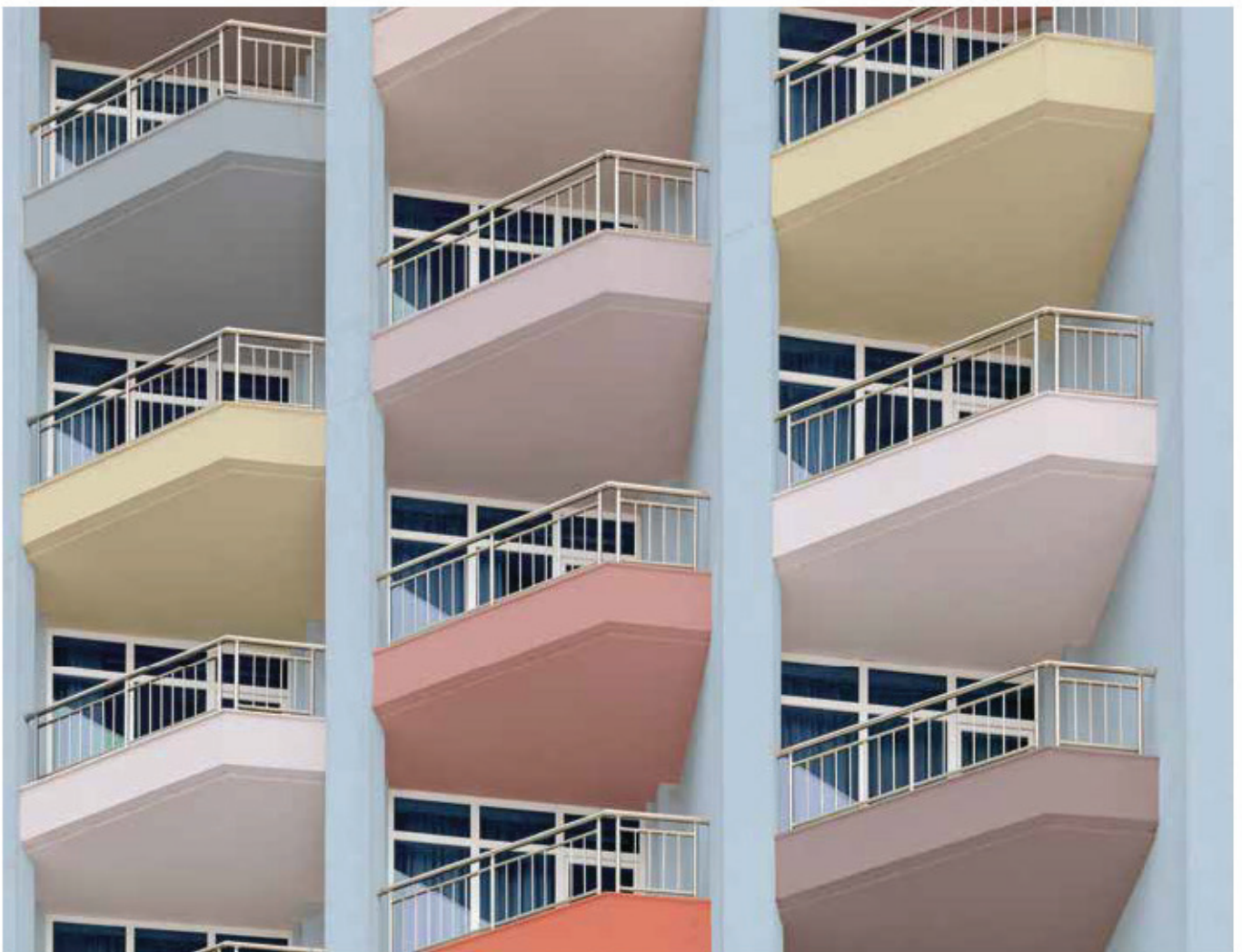
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# SALON COLOURS

A combination of airy, elemental neutrals, this palette can deliver a feeling of openness, tranquility and balance. An ideal backdrop, they can act as a springboard for new ideas.





Morning Oats  
44YY 65/034

Cliff Walk  
71YY 90/027

COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113



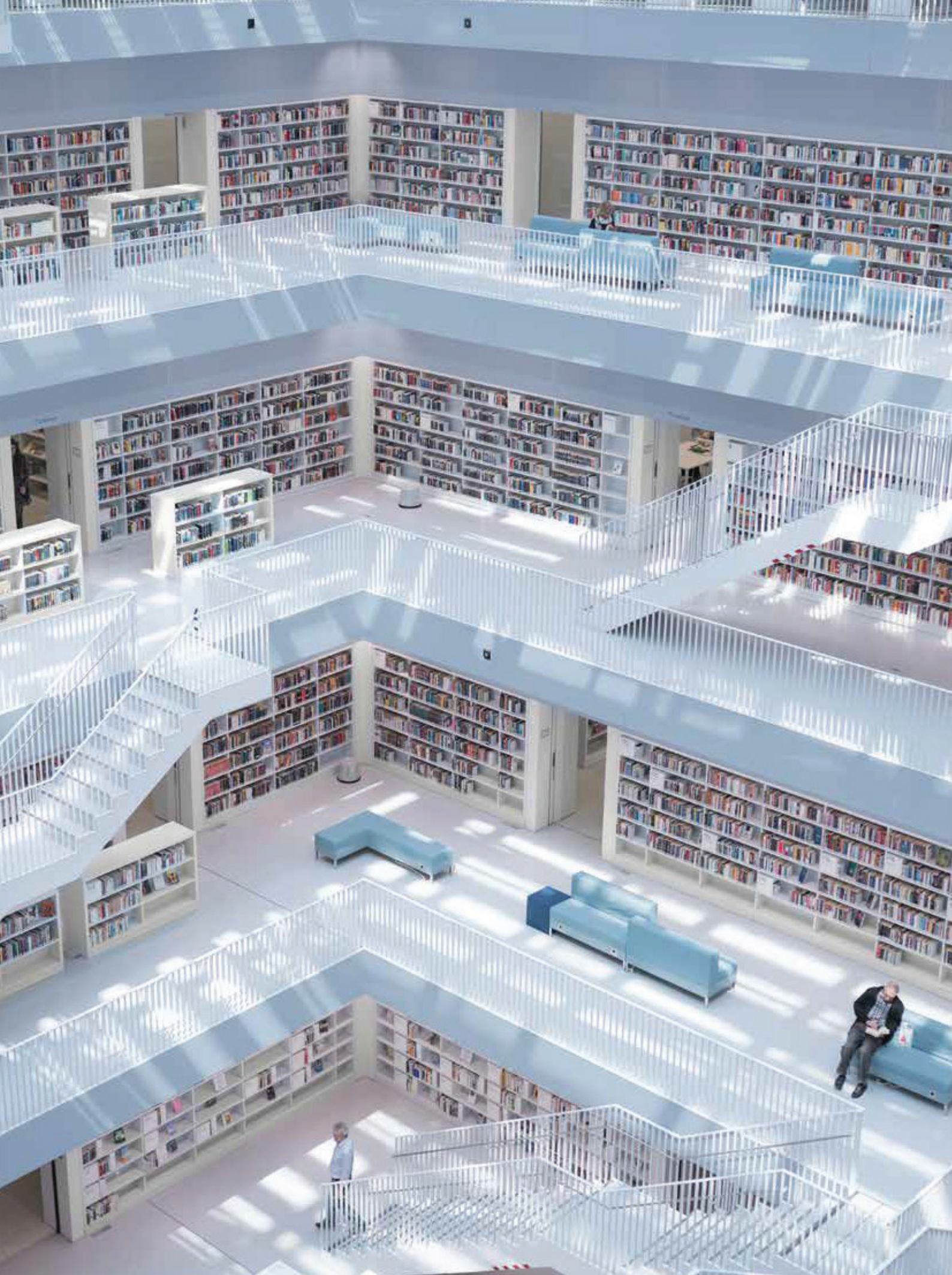
## SALON COLOURS

### OPEN SPACES

**Colours:** Featuring airy neutrals alongside Bright Skies™, this palette delivers a feeling of openness and unity.

**Result:** Complementary neutrals, these light colours open up a space and, creating a simple, plain backdrop, they can act as a 'blank canvas' for myriad cultural and social influences. These are timeless colours that won't date.





COLOUR OF THE YEAR  
Bright Skies™  
14BB 55/113

Sloe Flower  
50BB 83/006



# DESIGNING WITH SURFACE MATERIALS

This is how our partner Material Lab has used this year's Dulux Trade Colour of the Year, Bright Skies™, to create mood boards for each of the individual palettes.

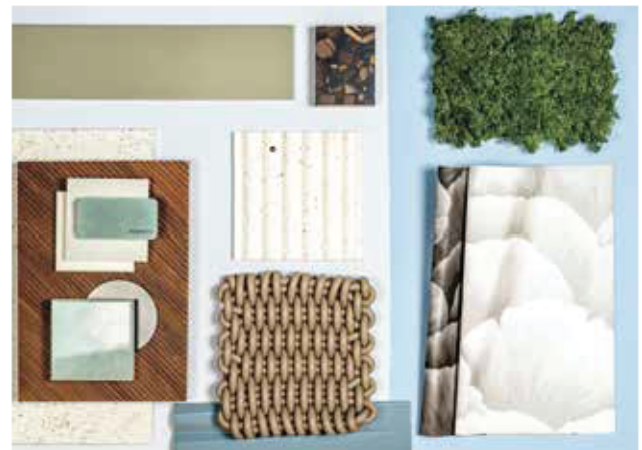
Using a variety of complementary textures and surface materials to bring each palette to life, these mood boards can be harnessed by specifiers looking to create the perfect space in any setting using Bright Skies™.

## THE WORKSHOP



Playful and fun, in this flat lay we're experimenting with a range of colours, shapes and textures for a daring and quirky effect. Iridescent tiles and antique glass add further interest to the interior style, using lighting and reflection for added character. Discover the impact of grouping a variety of materials and colours that sit harmoniously together in one big scheme. Layer materials for added depth, or combine separate colour schemes for a zoning effect.

## THE GREENHOUSE



Taking inspiration from the natural world and celebrating the beauty of nature, this flat lay features patterns and designs that replicate those of the outdoor environment. An outdoors-in effect can be easily achieved through the introduction of textures such as wood and other natural materials, adding a tactile element to the interior. To truly appreciate nature, we must consciously select sustainable materials, ensuring that we are protecting the environment where possible. For a balanced and calm atmosphere, combine subtle sage, green and blue tones to mimic the simplicity of the outdoors.



# NATURAL LAB

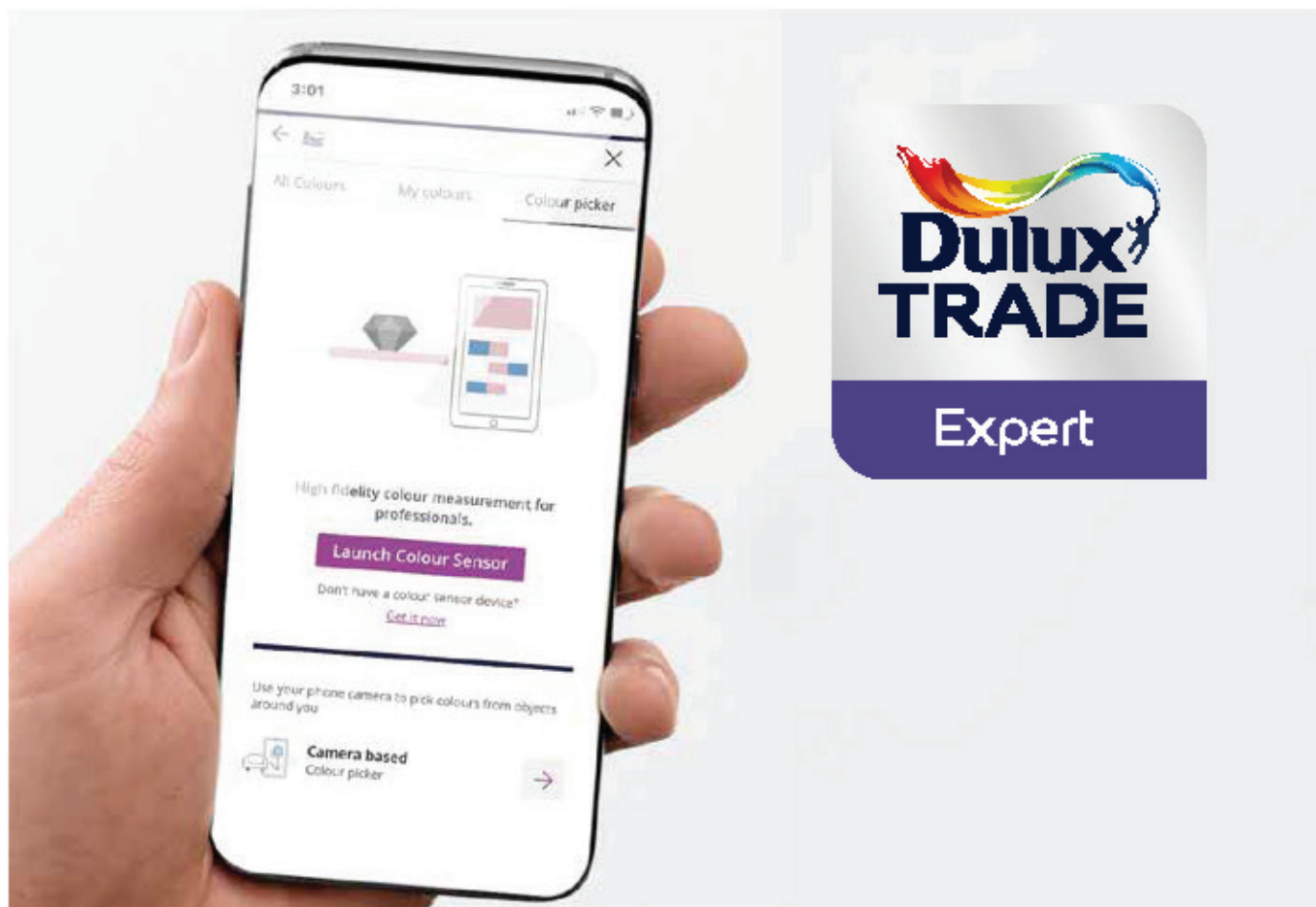
## A collection of various material samples arranged on a light blue background with a large orange shape. The samples include a circular wooden lid, a circular stone tile with a hexagonal inset, a rectangular stone tile with a hexagonal inset, a rectangular stone tile with a hexagonal inset, a rectangular stone tile with a hexagonal inset, and a rectangular stone tile with a hexagonal inset.

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Find out how to co-ordinate surface materials with Dulux Trade Colour of the Year,  
Bright Skies™ at [www.material-lab.co.uk](http://www.material-lab.co.uk)







## INSTANT COLOUR MATCHING WITH DULUX TRADE COLOUR SENSOR

Recognising the need to make paint colour specification more efficient at every stage of the design process, Dulux Trade have launched their new digitised colour tool providing highly accurate colour matches on demand.

This cutting-edge device, approximately the size of a 50 pence piece and weighing only 17 grams is able to tackle even the most bespoke colour quests, whether the task is to identify an existing wall colour, to colour match an item from a cutting in a magazine, right through to picking up on themes in a client's brand logo, the app will deliver the closest Dulux Trade paint colour.

Applicable for use in commercial spaces, from hotels to care homes and offices to hospitals, this time saving instrument offers additional functionality; as part of the tool's colour assessment process, the technology automatically identifies the Dulux paint colour's light reflectance value.

This provides designers with a reliable guide for delivery of appropriate colour contrast on critical surfaces, coupling the requirement for beautiful and inclusive environments.

The Dulux Trade Colour Sensor is available to purchase in store and online at Dulux Decorator Centre and other participating decorating merchants across the UK, with a recommended retail price of £150.

### **The perfect match for professionals.**

With the Dulux Trade Colour Sensor, scan a colour and get a Dulux colour match in seconds. Visit [Duluxtrade.co.uk/sensor](https://www.duluxtrade.co.uk/sensor) for more information.





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