

## Colour Watch 2010

Touched on briefly in last week's ATH, 2010's colours are expected to add lots of excitement to our homes. Big and bold is where we're headed. Be fearless with colour, and break all the rules. Here are some hot colours to watch for:

### Green

We started to see the emergence of "green" in 2009 in both colour and eco-awareness. This will continue for 2010, "Olive Green", the traditional colour for peace, taking center stage as this year's hottest hue, giving a kickback to the 70's and keeping with the return of retro. Remember the green and gold appliances we saw in the 70's? Find these colours returning in furniture and accent pieces! Combine the retro with modern by pairing green with a fresh pink. Choose a lime green and a soft pink for a bold statement, such as *Fussy Pink* and *Clean Green* from Sherwin Williams. Did you know? Green is considered the most restful colour for the eyes.

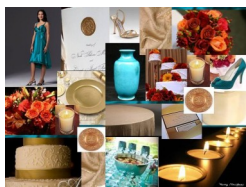


### Yellow

Bright and bold, look for yellow as a room feature or as an accent colour. Classic white contemporary will be warmed with a touch of yellow. Also see yellow take centre stage in kitchens, as it is often associated with food. Yellow produces a warming effect, arouses cheerfulness and stimulates mental activity. Use this colour in any room in your house, from kitchen to bath, office, or child's room. Did you know? Yellow is the first colour that kids will tend to reach for! Yellow is the color of sunshine. It's associated with joy, happiness, intellect, and energy. Brighten up a room in your home is my favourite yellow, *Lemon Meringue* by Benjamin Moore.



### Artisan Inspiration



Earth inspired colours from around the globe, especially Asia and India, will emerge as hot colours. Invoke some old world charm to your home with a blend of teal, orange, and gold. Orange combines the energy of red and the happiness of yellow and is associated with joy, sunshine, and the tropics. Whether you have travelled the world, or just dream of reaching a foreign land, the bold colours will transform any room into a great escape. *Indian Maize* from PPG Pittsburgh Paints is a nice gold, pair with *Opulent Orange* from Behr Paints.

### Neutrals No Longer Boring!

Not sure about the big and bold, but still want to update the boring beige? Consider using neutrals that step away from the standard grays and taupes. Instead look to spruce up a neutral room with soft hues of lemon yellow and pale blue. Mauve is another peace inspiring colour that will help to brighten up the neutrals. Look for *Studio Mauve* from Sherwin Williams to break away from traditional.

