

colour splash



Simple touches of colour can make a room feel a lot fuller, writes **Richard Stevens** and **Aaron Coshaw**

#1 Decision time

So you have a bare room and some nice furniture, but it still doesn't feel finished or colourful enough for you. Well, here's a tip. Rather than painting a feature wall, which is many people's first option, think about filling the room with colour in art. This is easy and simple to achieve just by choosing something interesting and bright for the walls. Another tip is instead of choosing one piece that really draws your eye try to choose two and put them on opposite walls. The colour will draw your eyes between the two, making the room feel bigger.

#2 Expand the art

Now that you've filled one room, a good tip is to continue the art throughout the home. This gives a really cohesive, stylish feel to the home. It certainly doesn't have to match perfectly, but as long as they are the same colours and styles you can't go wrong.

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#3 Hide everything

In a relatively small kitchen like this, we wanted everything to be "hidden". The appliances were all integrated – even the fridge is behind a cupboard door and the cooktop has no knobs (great for cleaning too). This gives the illusion of space. The splashback is glass, in the same colour as the wall, again echoing the idea of a minimal, unifying scheme. A "floating" shelf was added, rather than overhead cupboards, in the same veneer as the feature panel to add interest.



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