

Interiors 'becoming more individual'

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Homebuyers seeking top-end property in Windsor, Ascot and other fashionable locations will seldom find difficulty in locating a highly attractive home to buy.

But once acquired, any new home is likely to have aspects and elements of design and décor that the new owner would prefer to change.

One reason for doing this may be fashion, while another is personal taste. But alongside this will be a desire among some to co-ordinate the decor with their furniture.

This latter task may be accomplished either by changing the walls and carpets to match furnishings being brought over from the previous home, or acquiring both new furniture and a fresh look to the room as a whole to ensure it is fashionable and attractive.

However, this does not mean matching up colours all over the home. Discussing the latest trends in interiors, Rebecca Tucker, director of Sunainteriorsdesign.com, said there has been a "backlash" against the "over-co-ordination" of colours to look "just so".

She added: "Handmade or bespoke digitally-printed wallpapers, unique prints, original art, vintage lighting and hand-picked exquisite accessories combine to ensure an individual and exclusive environment can be achieved with careful selection of each key element."

This kind of home may have a certain advantage over others, by offering something different, interesting and of continuing fascination to guests, many of whom might be all too familiar with homes designed with uniform interiors and matching colours everywhere. By contrasting with this, something varied and eclectic may offer a particularly refreshing change.

With autumn encroaching, Ms Tucker advised there are plenty of colours that will fit perfectly with the colours outside and the increasing desire to seek warmth indoors. Browns, yellows, red and even tartan are among the colours she suggested are popular for the season.

Of course, what is ideal for autumn may look less suitable in other seasons. But the lesson seems to be that to create a home with a fashionable look now means moving away from matching and more towards mixing.



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