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## Add a splash of panache

Jane Munk of Isabel Ballardie Interiors discusses the latest trends, with a focus on fabrics

With the new year comes the Maison d’Objet show - Europe’s most prestigious home and interiors event held in January on the outskirts of Paris. The finest of Europe’s fabric houses and cutting edge creators choose Paris to showcase their creations. This show attracts the most renowned designers to preview new fabrics, furniture and wallpaper designs.

Trends for 2009 include strong architectural elements and tapestries and fresh summer colours of white, coral, aqua and lemon, running alongside the growing strength of the ‘natural’ look. Adventurous colour combinations and unusual colour effects continue to increase in popularity.

With so many options and diverse influences

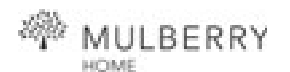


affecting our choices, how do we begin this potentially daunting process of decorating our home?

Whether you want to update a room or create a whole new scheme, there must be a starting point. An update can be straightforward by accentuating and lifting existing colours within the scheme. With a complete new look, artwork, preferred colours and bespoke mood boards help to formulate ideas.

If you are seeking inspiration, Mulberry’s latest collection ‘Imperial’ will excite the imagination. Inspired by craftsmanship over the ages, it epitomizes present day opulence. The velvets, linens and delicate embroideries embellished with rich gold metallics add the glamour and panache present day interiors require. The collection covers many aspects of textile design from crewel work to embroidery on every possible surface with every possible yarn. The key elements can be highlighted to achieve an understated neutral elegance or a truly individual stylized design. The accompanying wallpaper collection, which draws on textures of ancient plaster work, gilding and brass casting, reflects the fabric designs in its strong metallic elements and bold accented tones. Together they make an outstanding addition to any home interior.

Mulberry’s ‘Imperial’ collection is available to view at Isabel Ballardie Interiors.



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