

Blue horizons

This month's pick of great colours, textures, patterns and paints that work well together. Showing that anything can be the catalyst for a great interior scheme... it's where inspiration meets practicality

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THE INSPIRATION

There is nothing more satisfying than a summer breeze. Feeling air against your skin that warms rather than chills is one of life's simplest pleasures. How then to translate that into an interior? We took inspiration from sailing. Somehow images of crisp white boats against azure seas connote leisure, relaxation, fresh air and joyfulness. All that was needed for our palette, then, was a little additional visual warmth – achieved by adding some sun to the blue in the form of a touch of turquoise, from deep to pale.





2 THE PALETTE

- 1 'Bansuri' **linen** by Echo Collection, £45 per m (137 cms W), Baker Lifestyle (gpjbaker.com)
 2 'Sherlock' **linen**, £92.40 per m (140 cm W), De Le Cuona (delecuona.co.uk)
 3 'Luminoso' **poly-cotton** by Bart Halpern, £84 per m (134cm W), Fox Linton (foxlinton.com)
 4 'Top Sail' **acrylic**, £72 per m (137cm W), Ralph Lauren Home (ralphlaurenhome.com)
 5 'Ucciardone' **cotton** by Brochier, £47.79 per m (155cm W), Altfield (altfield.com)
 6 'Tapis' **silk** by Sally Sirkin Lewis, £74.40 per m (122cm W), J Robert Scott (jrobertscott.com)
 7 'Metro' **clay tile**, £1.32 (75 x 75mm), H&E Smith (hesmith.co.uk)
 8 DuPont **surface material**, £310 per m,

- Corian (corian.co.uk)
 9 'Profile' **glass tile**, £611.74 per sq m, Ann Sacks (annsacks.com)
 10 'Spatulata' **plaster wall finish**, from £60 per sq m, Armourcoat (armourcoat.com)
 11 'Costello' **cotton** by Natasha Marshall, £29 per m (140 cm W), Wemyss (wemyssfabrics.com)
 12 'Savoy' **ceramic mosaic tile**, £148.51 per sq m, Ann Sacks (annsacks.com)
 13 'Metallics' **sisal flooring**, £63.35 per sq m, Alternative Flooring (alternativeflooring.com)
 14 'Thebes' **silk** from the 'Discovery' collection, £52 per m (135cm W), Swaffer (swaffer.co.uk)
 15 'Aquarius' **cotton-linen**, £180 per m (137cm W), Tissus d'Hélène (tissusdhelene.co.uk)

3 THE PAINTS

Complement tiles and fabrics with paint in bold blue hues or muted greens, all off-set with simple white.



'Drawing Room Blue' emulsion, £29.50 for 2.5 litres, Farrow & Ball (farrow-ball.com)



'Fidel' emulsion, £52.92 for 2.5 litres, Francesca's Paints (francescapaint.com)



'Silent' emulsion, £52.92 for 2.5 litres, Francesca's Paints (francescapaint.com)



'Mariana Blue' matt emulsion, £29.50 for 2.5 litres, Fired Earth (fireearth.com)



'Chappell Green' emulsion, £29.50 for 2.5 litres, Farrow & Ball (farrow-ball.com)



'Meadow' matt emulsion, £29 for 2.5 litres, Designers Guild (designersguild.com)



'Cotton White' water-based paint, £24 for 2.5 litres, Laura Ashley (lauraashley.com)



'All White' emulsion, £29.50 for 2.5 litres, Farrow & Ball (farrow-ball.com) ▶

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