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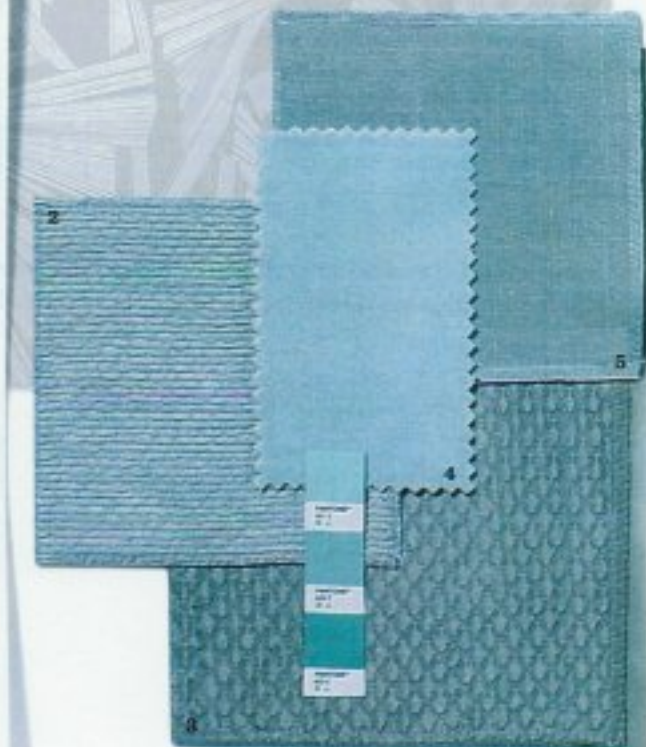
This month's Easy Decorating scheme takes its inspiration from the pretty pastel colours of ice cream. Mix and match materials from this palette and set against a backdrop of cool whites and greys to ensure your finished space is more serene than saccharine

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The trick when using sweet pastels is to make sure that they're well grounded in crisp whites and offset by smooth surfaces such as glass and marble. Tactility is all-important, too. Pastels can quickly look insipid and flat if there's no depth to them: stick then to lovely slubby linens, sheeny silks and lustrous velvets. And as always, the key to any good interior scheme is a bold, non-matchy accent colour. Here we've introduced a brave burnt orange, which could appear as a single painted wall, an upholstered chair, a block of bold wallpaper or a beautiful vase. See overleaf for how it might all look together!



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'Sussex'
 wallpaper in
 Shell, £48 per
 10m roll,
 Designers Guild
 (designersguild.
 com)

FABRICS TO TRY

'Glazed' linen fabric in
 Blossom (147cm W),
 £71 per m, Ralph Lauren
 (ralphlaurenhome.com)

'Washed canvas' cotton fabric in
 Blossom (147cm W), £62 per m,
 Ralph Lauren Home
 (ralphlaurenhome.com)

'Chelsea' linen fabric in
 Bush (137cm W), £67.50 per m,
 GP&J Baker (gpjbaker.com)

**'Colombian Flairs' cotton mix
 fabric** in Flavia (142cm W),
 £47 per m, Osborne & Little
 (osborneandlittle.com)

**'Shetland Weave' cotton/
 viscose/wool fabric** (55cm W),
 £157 per m, Ralph Lauren Home
 (ralphlaurenhome.com)

Silk/velvet fabric in Burnt Orange
 (125cm W), £300 per m, De Le Cuona
 (delecuona.en.uk)