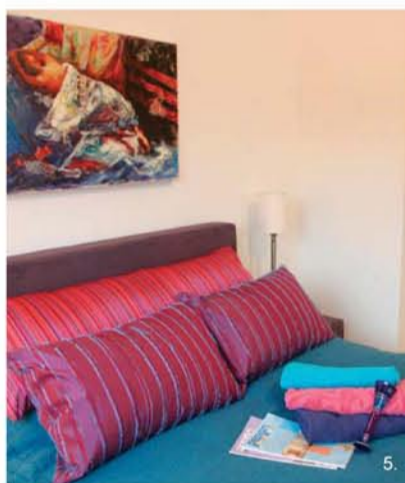




# Colour me Beautiful

Spring is a time to reflect on all things new. Take time out to consider the beauty of nature's colours and fuel your imagination. Create your own interior world of colour.

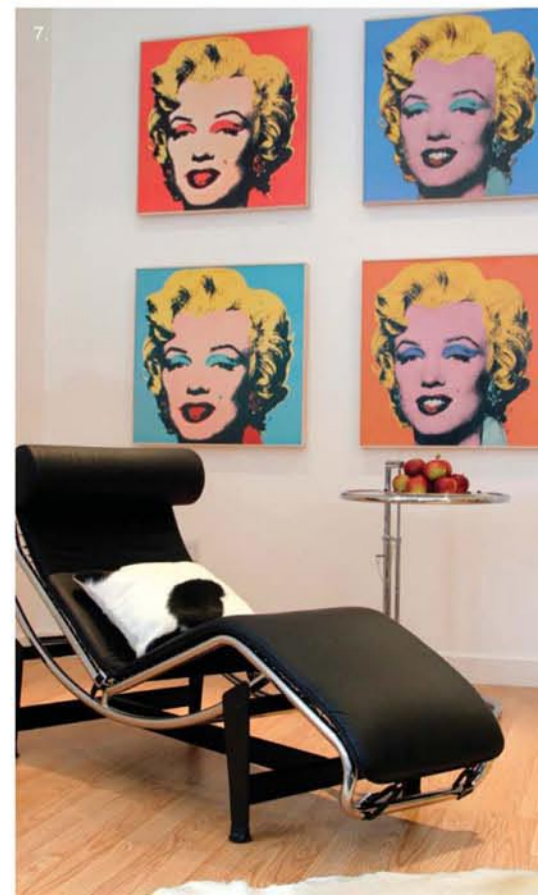
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There is nothing more uplifting than knowing spring is finally here and summer is just around the corner. The light nights have only hinted that spring is here, but spring is more boldly proclaimed when the first buds of May burst forth into an amazing array of colour. From Daffodils to Tulips and from Azaleas to Rhododendrons, the colours of this fresh new season inspire and delight us. That's what colour does. Nature's eye-candy is revealed in glorious technicolor and for those bold enough to take hold of colour and make it their own, take a leaf out of nature's book and add colour. Whether it is simply adding a colour accent to your room or using

full-blown colour statement pieces, consider colour. It may be mild mannered, with a subtleness of tone or hue, or an amazing all singing and all dancing spectacle. Whatever it is, have some fun with it. Life's not black and white. For the feint hearted even a 'look at me' cushion or 'feature wall' will get you started. If it ends up as just an infatuation, and you love it for just a season or two, at least you've experimented, opened your eyes and had some fun. XS Interiors have highlighted a few examples in this weeks Spring issue of 'Homefinder' to show their unabashed use of colour and to kick-start you thinking. Va Va Room.....Go for it!

- 1: This lime green velvet retro tub chair is lifted and enhanced using a secondary feature colour, orange.
- 2: Solid colours, stripes and jumbo polka dots fuse together to create this room setting utilising differing textures. From the chunky cord used in the headboard, to the smooth texture of faux suede cushions and silk lampshades, all work in unison to make this showhouse guest bedroom fun, funky and colourful.
- 3: Try bold orange for citrus fun with this No No designer cord.
- 4: Stars and stripes forever... red, white and blue Andrew Martin designer fabric, used with chestnut vintage hide leather, is used on this Duresta sofa and chair in this eclectic setting.
- 5: Vivid turquoise morphs with candy stripe coloured silks on a bed made of plum suede.
- 6: Contemporary glass is pumped-up with the use of Shaparelli pink, cherry red and cyan blue. The hot and cool combination is very bespoke.
- 7: The acid colours in Andy Warholes famous Marilyn Monroe quad art is the highlight of this feature wall.



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