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INTERIOR COLOURS BEYOND 2026+

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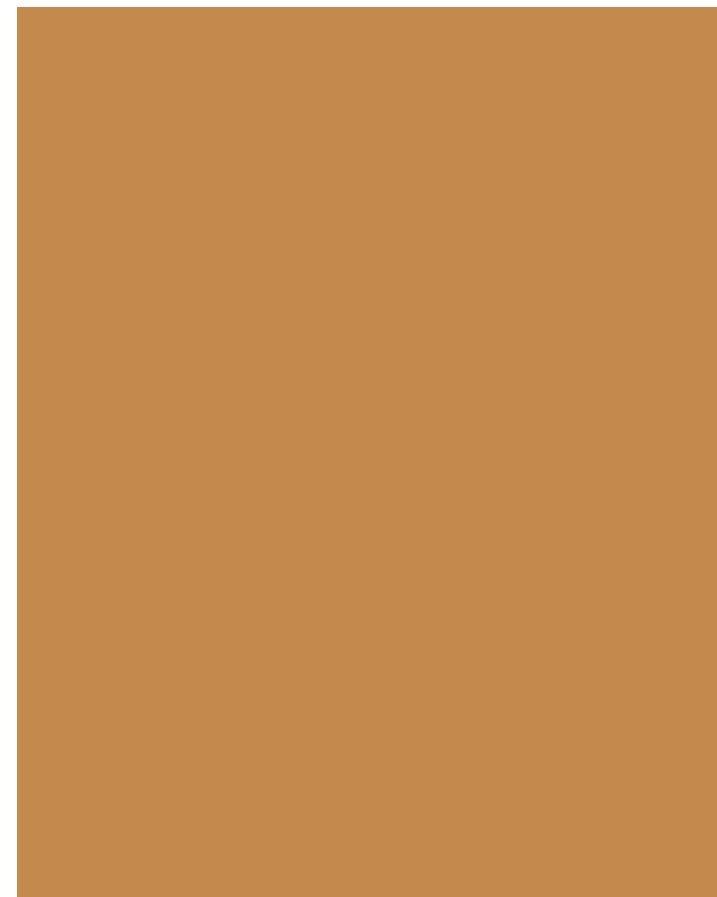
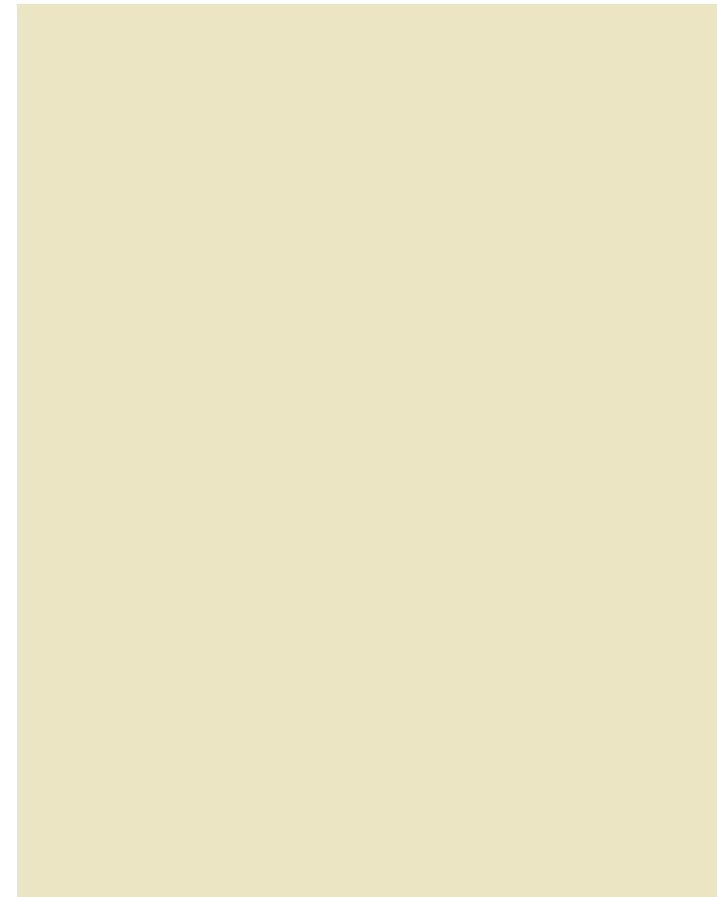
Beyond Colour

The study of Colours Beyond 2026+ reveals the dynamic relationship between culture, psychology and design. Recognizing that our homes serve as personal havens where we seek comfort and harmony, the significance of colours in influencing our well-being cannot be overstated.

We often hear that colours of past decades are back in fashion. In fact, colour preferences partially shift following a recurring cycle of preferences. These preferences are, however, also shaped by external influences and the complexities of human psychology, as colours can evoke various emotions and affect the ambiance of space.

NCS Interior Colours Beyond 2026+ is a unique study on our evolving colour preferences for the coming years. Developed by internationally renowned colour experts, the palettes are relevant across markets and cultures.

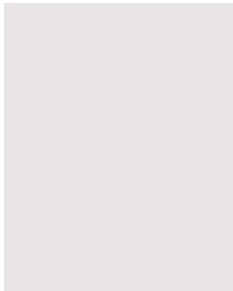
The 2026+ palettes are easy to embrace and welcome into our homes, reflecting a seamless blend of past influences and future-forward expressions.



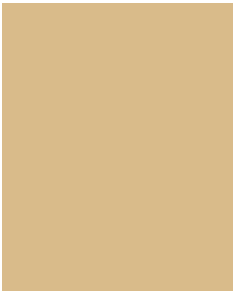


Quietude

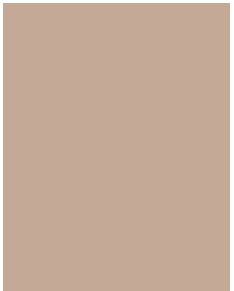
A Timeless Embrace of Softness and Light



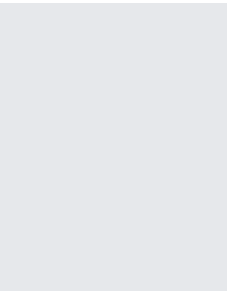
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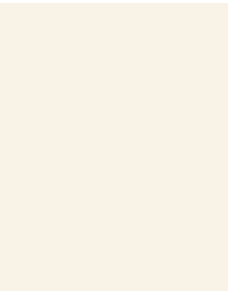
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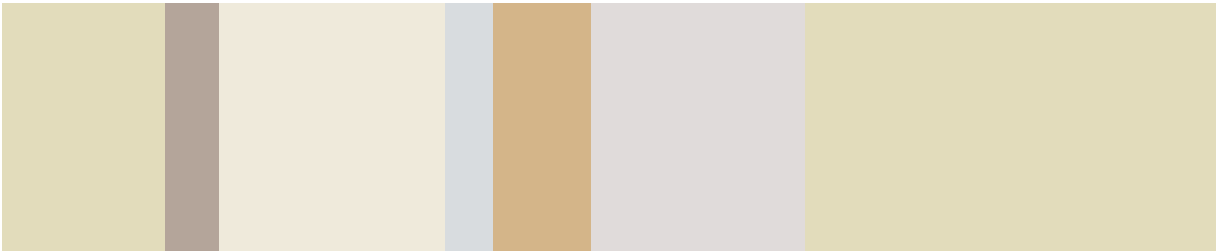
The Quietude space embodies an evolution of white – moving away from minimalism towards a palette of soft, imperfect neutrals that soothe the senses.

The Colours

The hero colour, S 1010-G90Y, is a limestone white infused with a delicate greenish-yellow undertone that shifts with the light – subtly cool in daylight and warmly luxurious under artificial lighting. Supporting tones introduce rosy whites, muted earthy hues, a luminous beige and a complementary bluish light grey, reinforcing a connection to nature while maintaining simplicity.

Harmonizing the Space

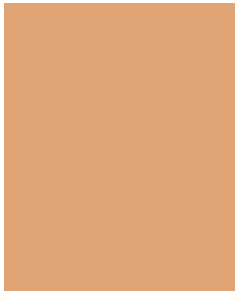
Soft contrasts define the Quietude palette. The limestone white establishes a serene foundation, complemented by warm wood tones, elegant metallic finishes, and natural textures. Rosy neutrals add a welcoming touch, while subtle golden undertones reinforce a sense of timeless sophistication. The complementary bluish grey adds a refreshing accent.



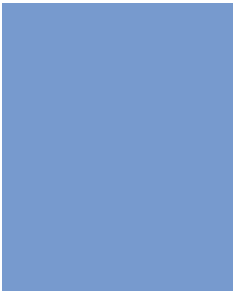


Symbiosis

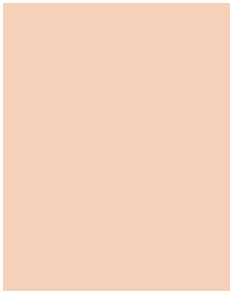
Where Deep Blue meets Luminous Light



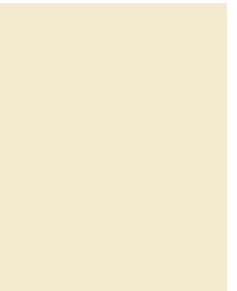
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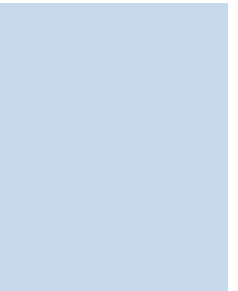
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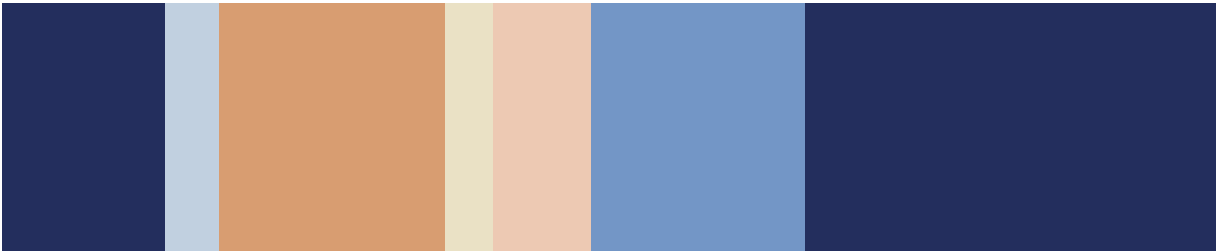
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NCS S 6030-R70B

An immersive balance of depth and brightness, Symbiosis explores the intersection of nature, technology, and human ingenuity. A deep, reddish-blue acts as an anchor, embodying the vastness of space and the depth of the ocean. Lighter supporting tones bring warmth and clarity, shaping a space that feels modern and innovative while evoking the serene, immersive sensation of being underwater.

The Colours
S 6030-R70B is the gravitational force of this palette – a dark, enigmatic blue with a touch of red, lending a sense of exploration and curiosity. Complementary hues include warm golden-beige, muted violets, and delicate creams, bringing a dynamic interaction of contrast and luminosity.

Harmonizing the Space
This palette thrives in layered applications – deep blue on statement walls or upholstery, with softer, glowing neutrals on trims, ceilings, and decorative elements. Metallic accents and textured finishes create a multi-dimensional effect, echoing the shimmer of deep-sea environments and the connection between nature and technology, making Symbiosis a palette of movement, reflection, and depth.





Homecoming

The Comfort of Heritage and Warmth



NCS S 4040-G80Y



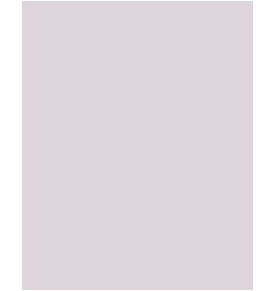
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NCS S 3060-Y70R



NCS S 4050-Y90R



NCS S 1505-R30B

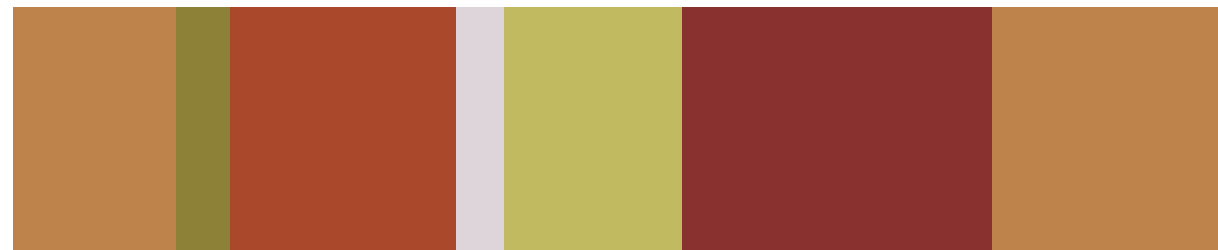
A space filled with warmth, Homecoming celebrates a return to rich, authentic colours inspired by natural materials and artisanal craftsmanship. Nostalgic yet contemporary, this palette blends earthy browns, terracotta reds, and deep yellowish greens to create an inviting, grounded environment. It tells a story of home, belonging, and the enduring beauty of handcrafted tradition.

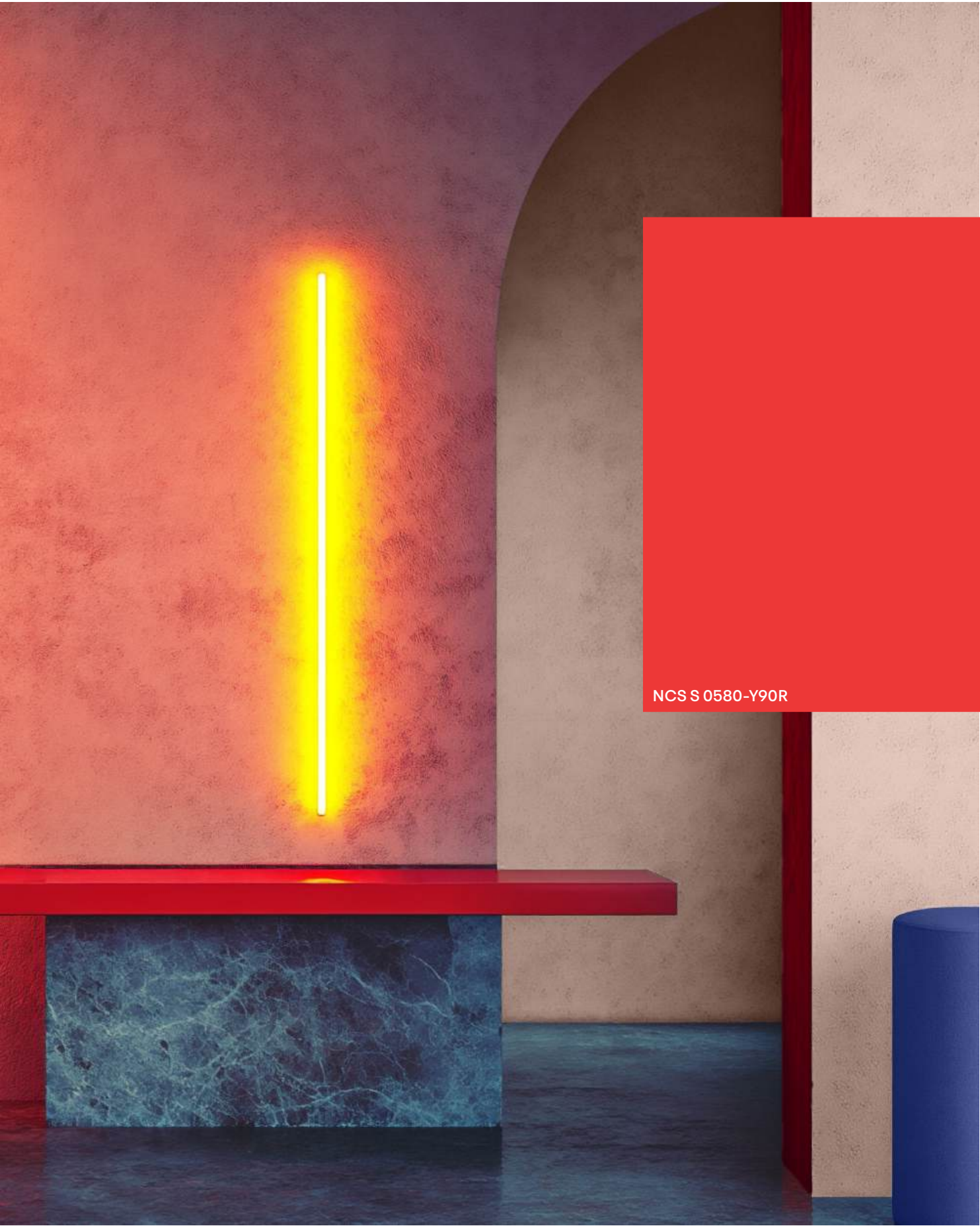
The Colours

At the heart of this palette is S 3040-Y30R, a warm leather brown that evokes the richness of natural materials – wood, clay, and aged leather. Supporting tones include a deep, rusty red, a terracotta-orange, and soft yellowish greens, all reinforcing a narrative of organic luxury and comfort.

Harmonizing the Space

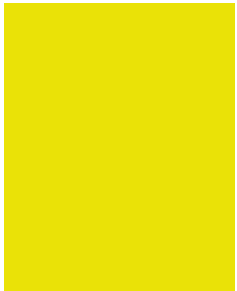
The Homecoming colours work beautifully in spaces where warmth and texture take centre stage. Use the deep leather brown for statement walls or furniture, layering it with rich reds and grounding greens for a space that feels lived-in and timeless. Accents in soft natural earthy textiles and elegant modern handcrafted details enhance this comforting colour story.





Renegade

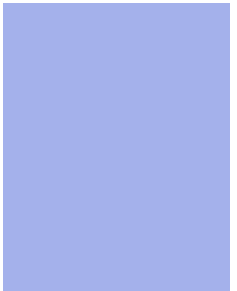
A Bold Statement of Rebellion and Creativity



NCS S 0570-G80Y



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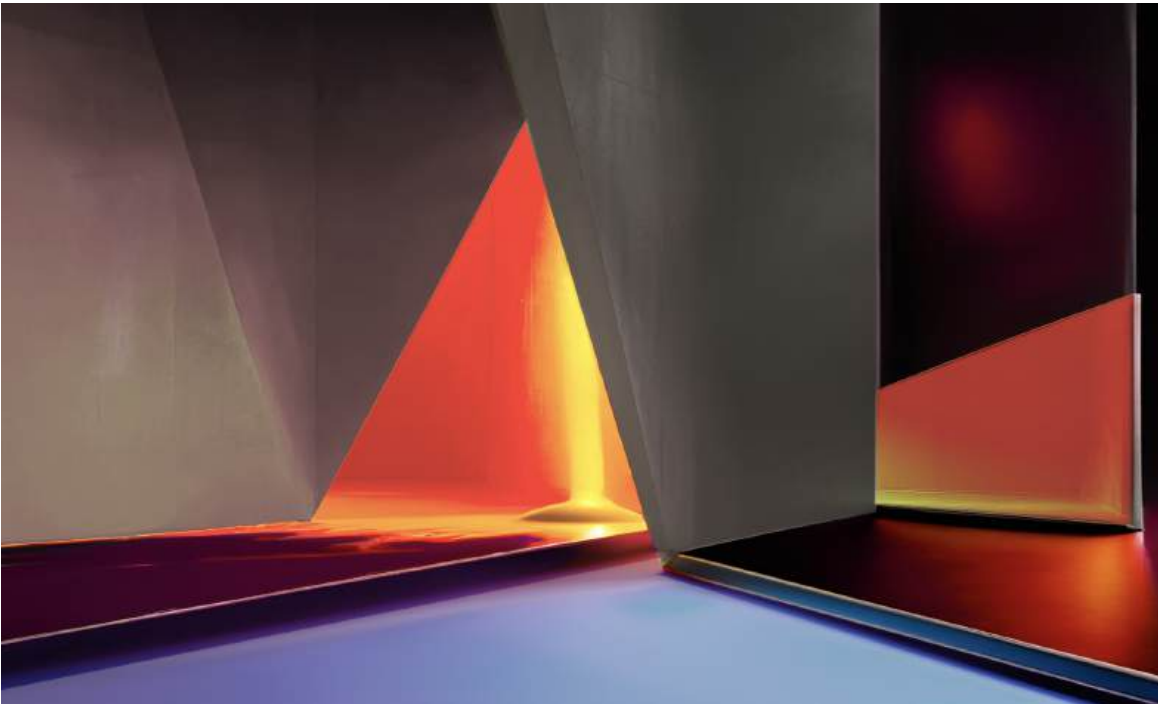
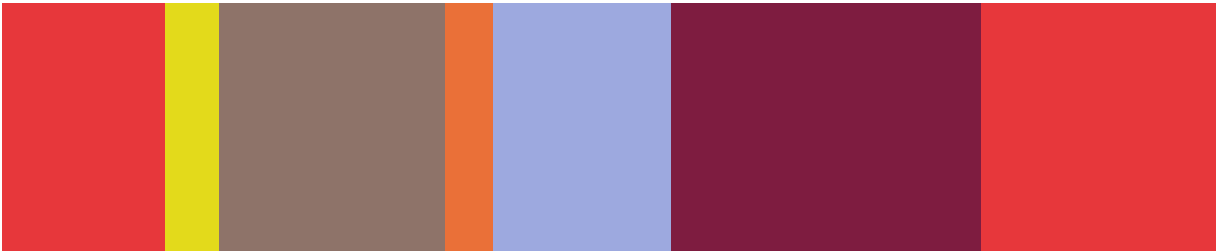
Renegade is fearless, provocative, and unapologetically expressive. A celebration of high-chromatic hues, this palette thrives on contrast – explosive reds, deep burgundy, electrifying yellows, and bold violets create an interior that refuses to go unnoticed. It's a manifesto for individuality, where colour is used to challenge norms and ignite creativity.

The Colours

The hero colour, S 0580-Y90R, is a striking, high-chromatic red that demands attention. It is balanced with grounding burgundy, bold orange, deep violet-red, and a flash of neon yellow-green, creating a space that feels dynamic and full of energy.

Harmonizing the Space

Renegade thrives on fearless combinations. The dominant red makes a bold statement on feature walls, while deep burgundy and ochre brown add stability and depth. High-energy accents in neon yellow and vivid orange creates a rebellious, playful atmosphere – ideal for creative spaces that challenge conventions and inspire new perspectives.



A New Era of Expression

As we move into 2026+, our colour preferences continue to evolve, balancing vibrancy with depth. While we are still embracing chromatic colours, the way we use them is shifting.

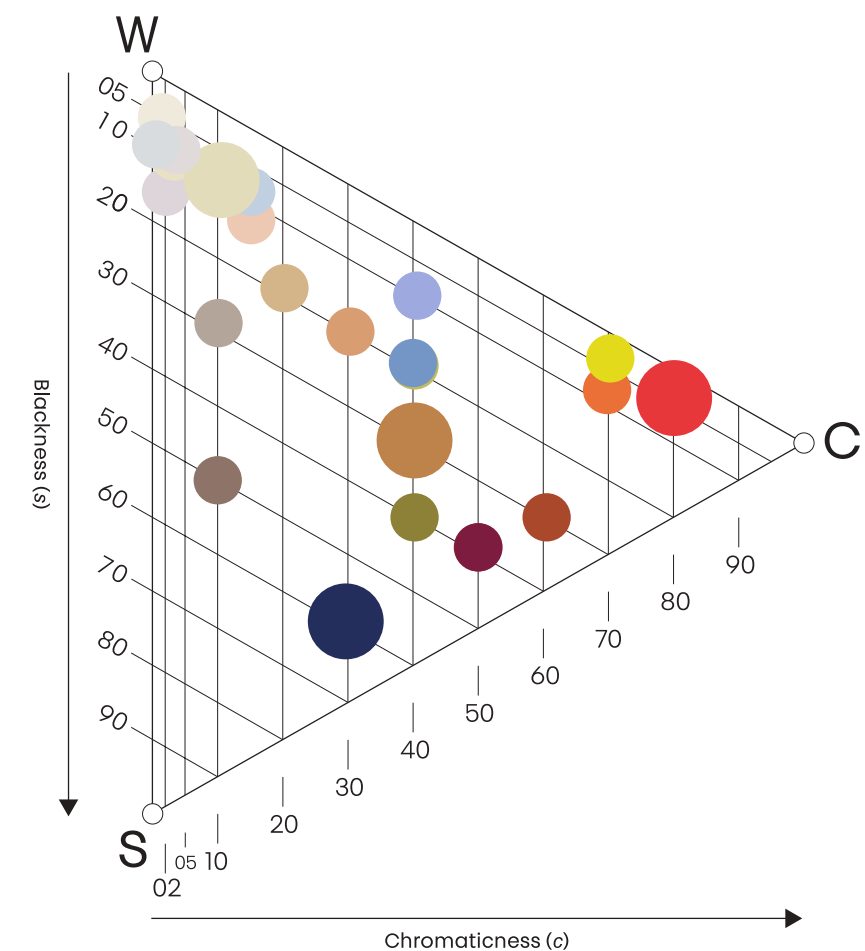
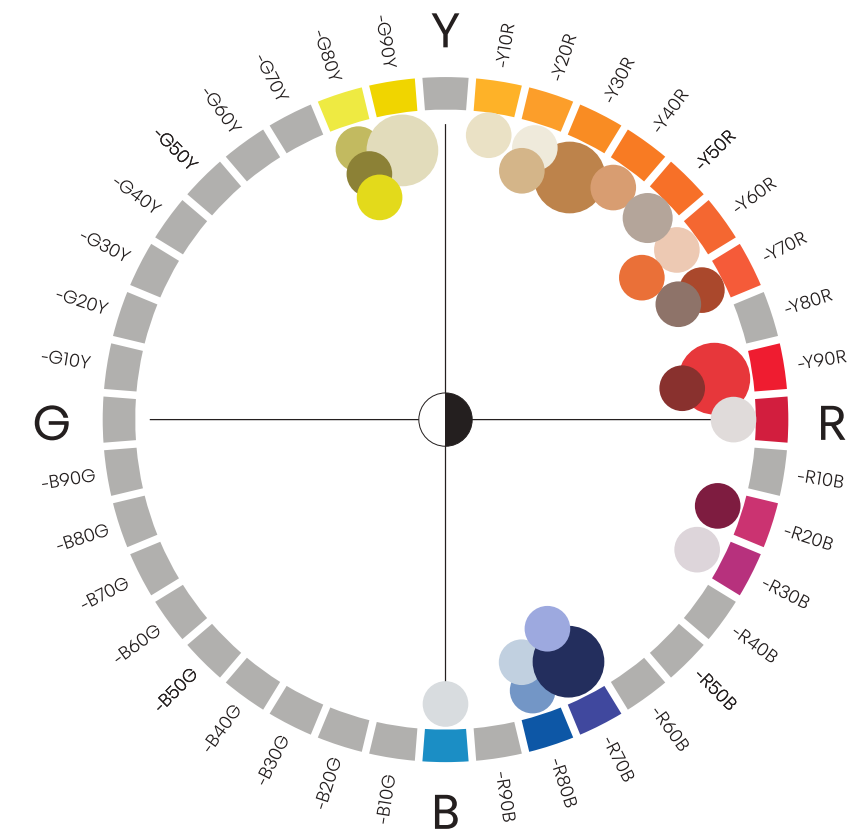
The New Whites (G90Y, Y) – Low-chromatic light colours mark the first step away from pure white, offering a softer, more nuanced foundation.

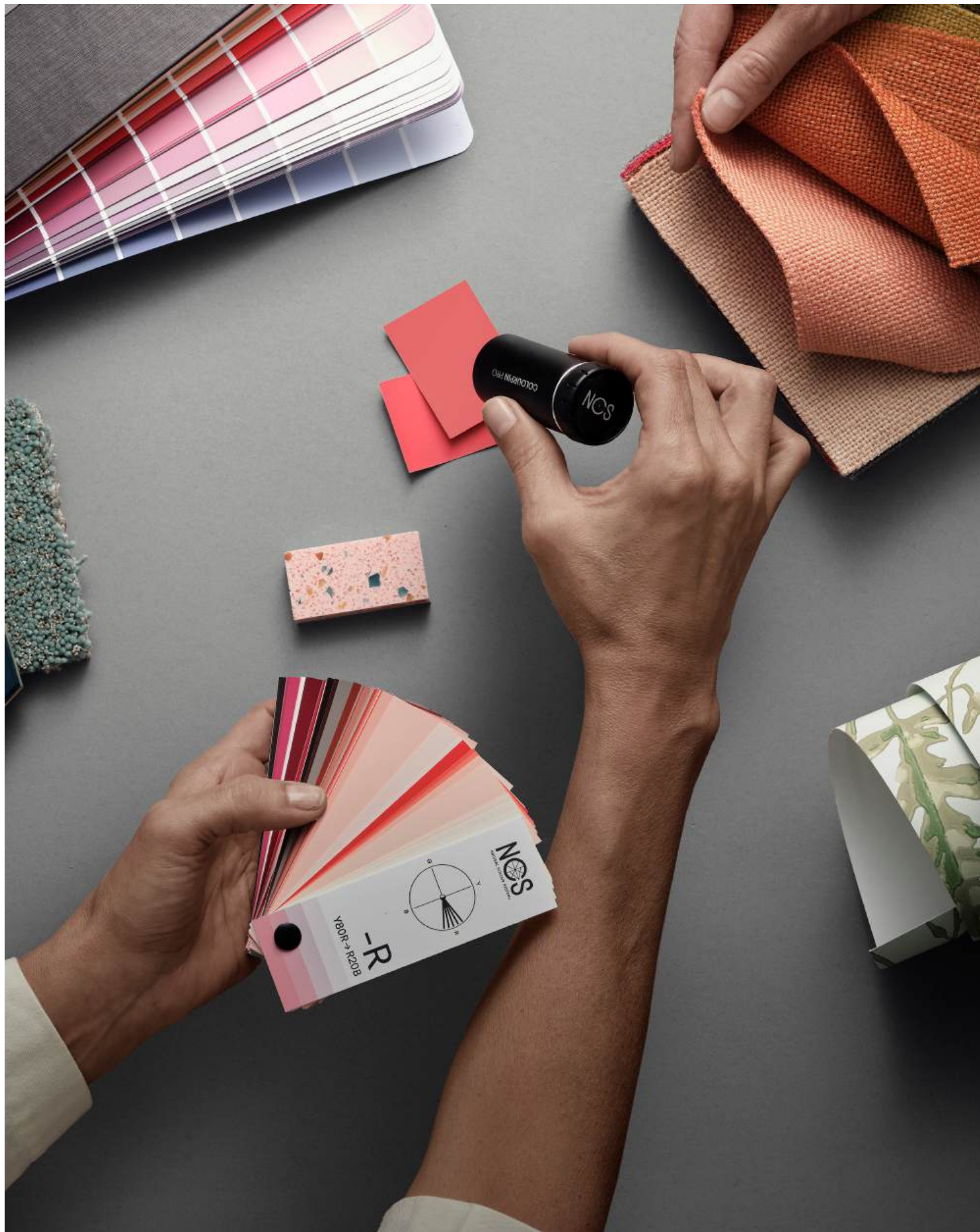
Grounded Midtones (Y30R, Y50R) – Inspired by natural materials like leather, wood, and earth, these warm tones bring a sense of timeless comfort.

Deep Reddish Blues (R70B, R80B) – With hues reminiscent of the depths of the ocean and outer space, these rich, dark blues set a contemplative and immersive mood.

High-Chromatic Reds (YR, R) – A bold statement of energy and transformation, these fiery reds break through the softer midtones, signaling a shift towards more expressive colours.

Compared to previous years, we see a reduced focus on green (G), while slightly greenish yellows (G90Y) maintain their presence in more refined, muted variations. The balance of dark, de-saturated hues with brighter, high-chromatic spot colours creates a dynamic contrast, setting the tone for a more nuanced and layered colour landscape.





Working with the NCS System[®] to create successful colour design

The very first feature we notice in a space is colour and colour determines the success of a design. To make informed choices, we need to understand the colours we work with.

NCS, Natural Colour System, is a colour system which is used globally for colour communication. The NCS System is scientifically based on how we perceive colours visually - any surface colour can be described with an NCS Notation. This has made the NCS System a global standard for the definition, quality assurance and communication of colour.

With the NCS System as the core, NCS Colour AB offers products and services that provide support to educate, design, visualise, produce, analyse and sell colour. Today, NCS is used as a cross-industrial colour language and has an international presence in over 80 countries.

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