



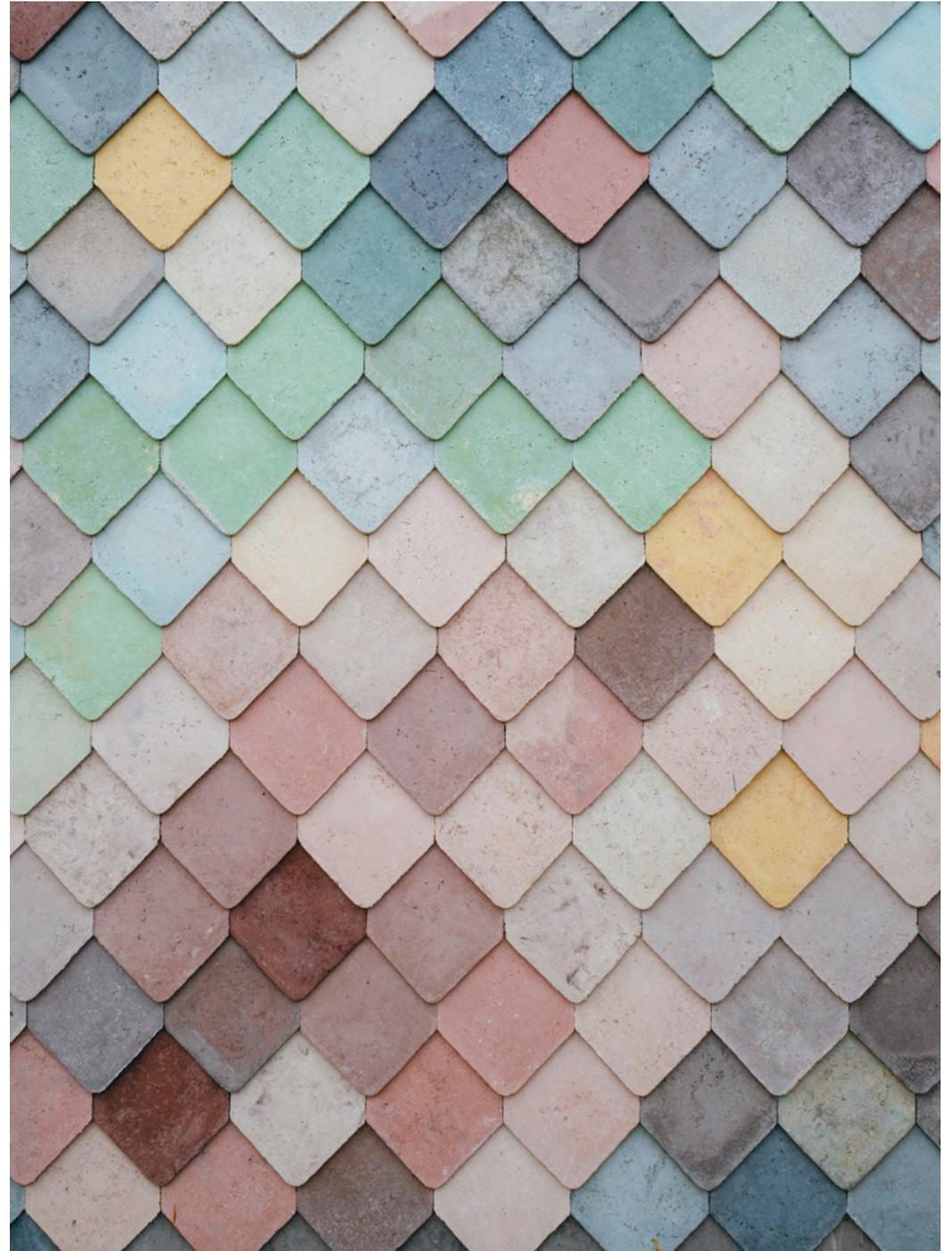
Colour your Personality

What do your home colours say about you?

What does the colour of your home say about you? Pick the colour you use most in your home, and find out what it says about your personality. If you don't use that colour yet, find out how to style it.

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Grey

Grey is a reliable colour; you can't go too wrong with it. It's the same for you as a person. You're reliable, but sometimes a bit scared of being the centre of attention. You'd much rather fade into the background.

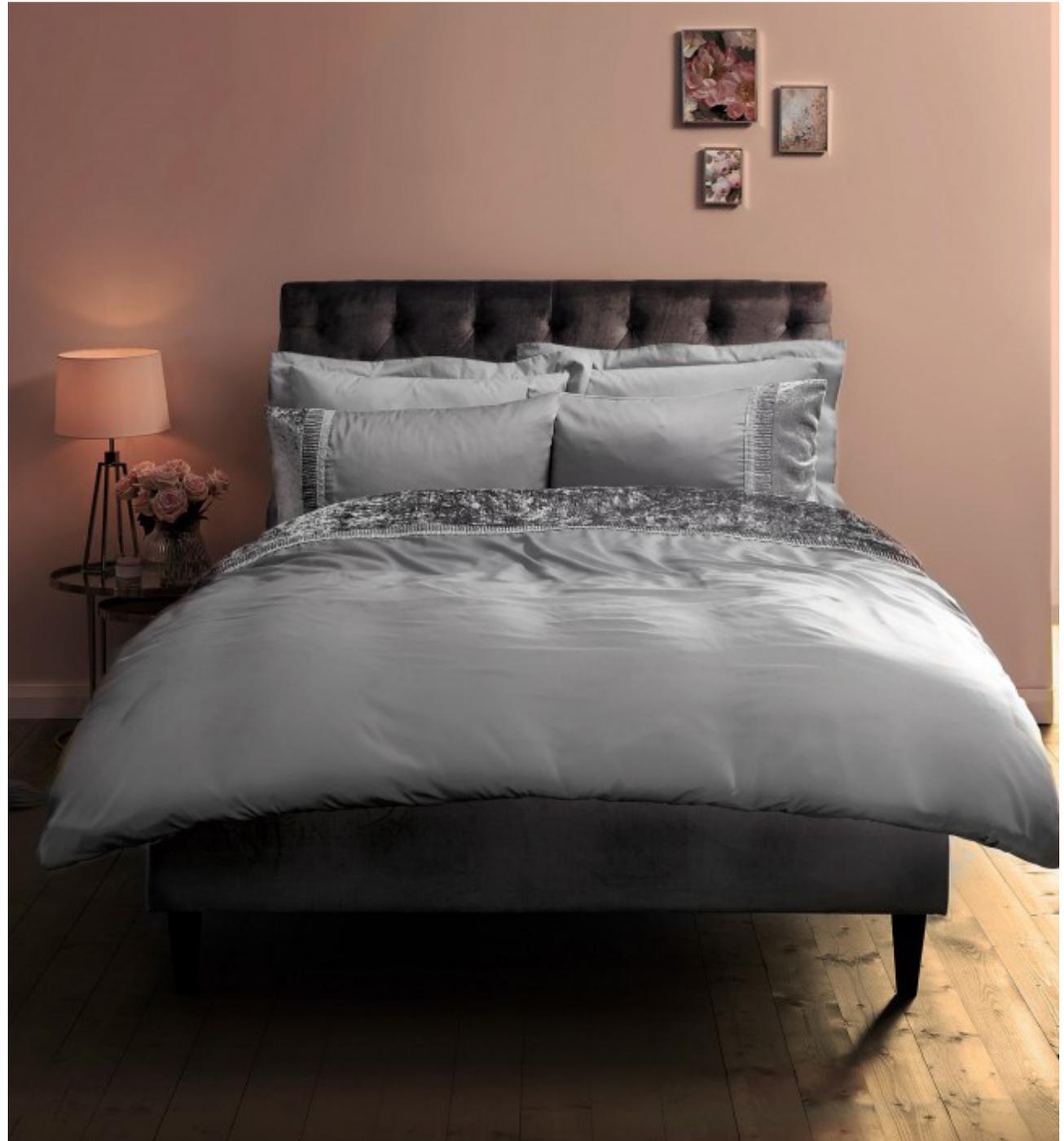
Grey is also the colour of compromise. It shows that you can be indecisive, and would rather sit on the fence than make any big decisions.

You're mostly a calm person who likes to be in control of a situation. Sometimes you can be a little bit too serious, but your fun side comes out when you're with your best friends.

How to style grey

Don't just stick to one grey. You should use lots of light and darks to help layer the room. Grey comes in all sorts of tones. You can have warm ones, or blue-toned ones, or even grey with a green tinge.

Grey is so versatile, so play around with it. For a glamorous feel, add lots of silver accessories and crushed velvet.



Yellow

If yellow is your go-to home colour, it shows you're creative, but also a bit of a perfectionist.

You're always the person giving advice out to friends and family, and are definitely a glass-half-full sort of person. You see the positive in everyone and everything, although not necessarily in yourself.

You often dress to impress and are extremely house-proud. You love having people over so you can show off your incredible abode. It's always immaculate and everything has its own place.

How to style yellow

If you're afraid of bright yellow, you can choose a mustard instead, or simply use yellow in accessories. Add a yellow throw to your grey sofa, or a yellow rug to sit under your dining table.

Add plenty of white to help break it up, especially if you've got one large area of yellow, such as a wall. Add white lamps for a spring/summer vibe.

Top Tip: blue/purple compliments yellow the most, so choose lots of jewel tones to accompany yellow.

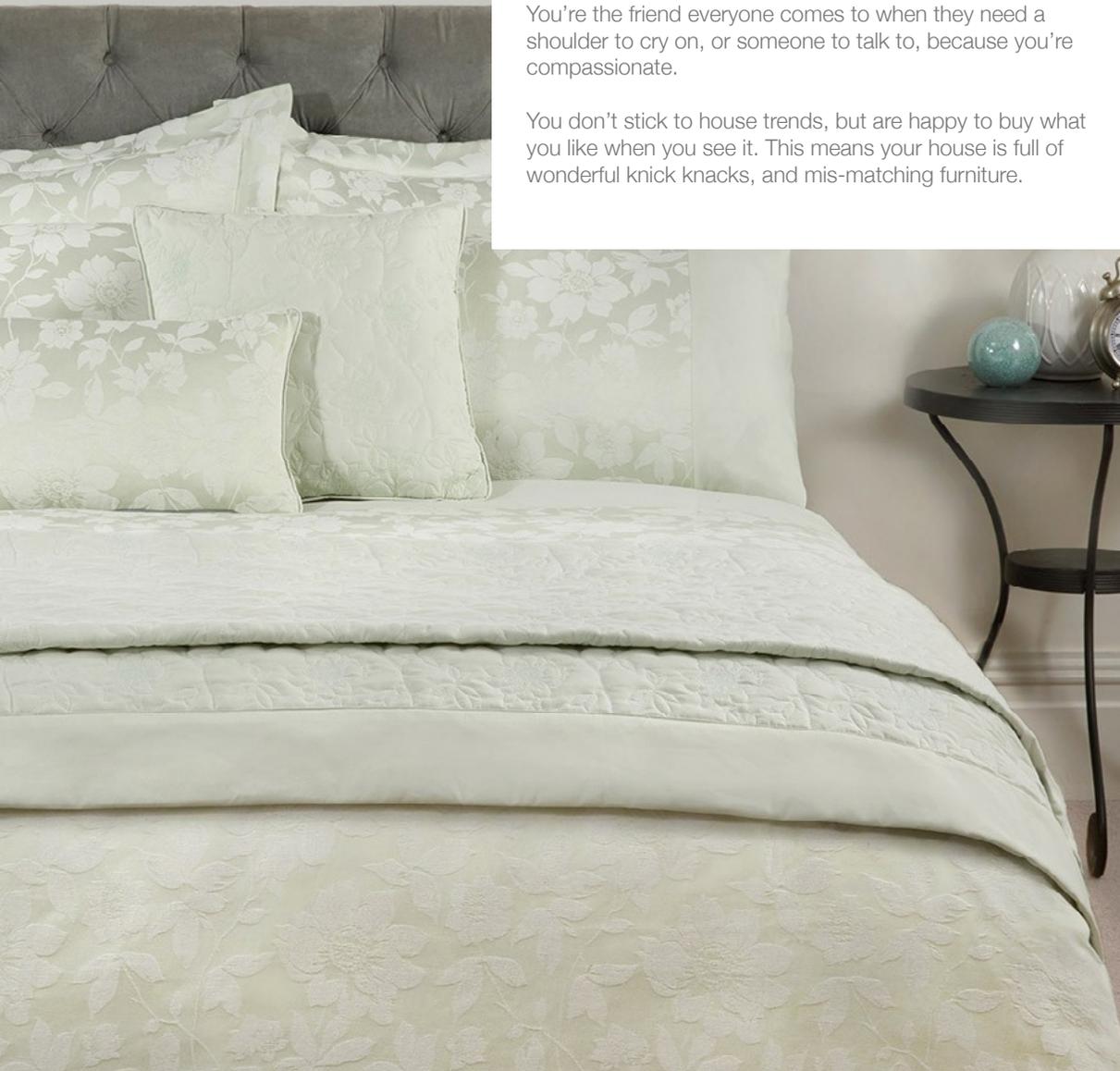


Green

Green is a very calming colour, so if you have this in your home, it demonstrates that you're a very patient, collected person.

You're a loyal friend and a very faithful partner. Other people always come first, making you completely selfless. You're the friend everyone comes to when they need a shoulder to cry on, or someone to talk to, because you're compassionate.

You don't stick to house trends, but are happy to buy what you like when you see it. This means your house is full of wonderful knick knacks, and mis-matching furniture.



How to style green

The best and most fresh way to use green is to buy lots of plants. You can hang plants from the ceiling, fill shelves with them or have them lined along your mantlepiece.

If you're feeling more brave, you can buy a dark green sofa and pair it with blush pink, or paint a wall dark green for a daring look.





Purple

If purple is the colour you use most often in your home, it can demonstrate you're organised, and everything at home has a place where it belongs. You like to have structure, which means that routine is important to you if you want to keep stress levels low.

You're a person with a creative mind, and your home is an inspiration to other people. They're always asking where you got that lamp from, or that rug. You're extremely house proud.

How to style purple

When we think of purple, a dark, indigo colour comes to mind. But don't forget about lavender, lilac, the lighter pastel purple shades.

If you don't want to paint a wall purple or buy a purple kitchen, use artwork with purple tones in it to introduce the colour in a subtle way.

Top Tip: If you do want to go bold, use statement pieces of furniture rather than going too purple-mad.



Pink

Pink isn't always for women. It often means you're in touch with your feminine side, whether you're a woman or a man.

You're a warm, friendly and approachable person, and the same goes for your home which feels inviting. Your love of pink also shows that you have a warm and maternal side. You're the person everyone comes to when they have a problem.

You always see the good in other people, but not necessarily yourself. You can be reserved and shy.



How to style pink

You can use pink floral bedding for a chic country garden look in your home. Pink and green work particularly well together, so expand on this floral, naturalistic theme through the rest of your house.

You can also layer different shades of pink for variety and depth. Try painting walls a blush pink, and using hot pink accessories.



Blue

Blue, like green, is one of the most calming colours. You're a bit of a free spirit but prefer tranquility and peace over hustle and bustle.

You hate discord or conflict, and can never hold a grudge for very long. This means you can be a bit of a people pleaser, but this isn't always a bad thing. You prefer to have a close circle of friends anyway, over a large group of friends or acquaintances.

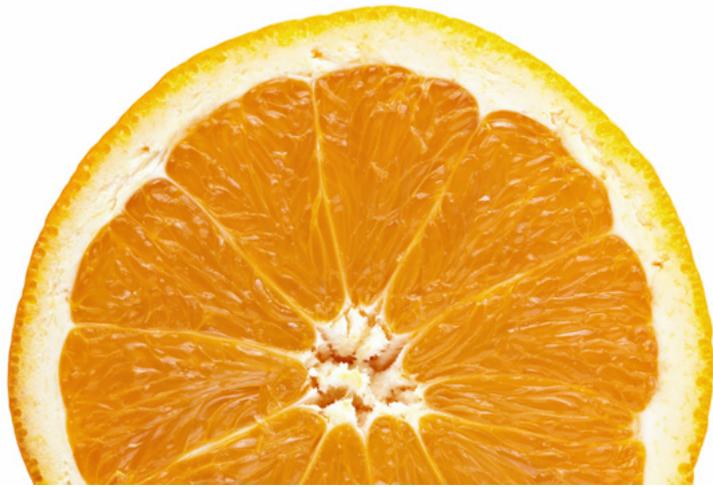
This means when it comes to socialising in your home, you'd rather have your mates over for a few drinks than a full on house party.



How to style blue

Blue is the strongest feng shui colour. It's the colour that brings calm and peace. It's supposed to be particularly effective in a child's bedroom, so use lots of blue bedding, and blue walls/accessories.

It's also thought that dark-painted walls help you to sleep better, so paint your bedroom navy blue, and introduce lots of other elements to lighten it, e.g. patterned bedding, white shelves and furniture, etc.



Orange

Most people see orange as a fiery colour, like red. However, you're actually a friendly, good-natured person. If you use lots of orange in your home, it shows that you enjoy socialising and partying. You're always having social gatherings and house parties because you love entertaining in your own space.

You can also be a bit of an adventurer. You prefer to be outside camping, climbing, walking, than stuck at home by yourself. You're a people person, and love to make new friends.

How to style orange

Orange and blue make for the perfect pairing, so give your home a mediterranean feel by using them together. You can have a bit of fun by mixing patterns too.

It works particularly well in a rustic setting, so if your home has lots of bare brick walls, and beams, orange will match perfectly.

Buy a couple of burnt orange armchairs to go by the log burner.



Black & White

Not everyone is about using colour in their home. Do you find you're more drawn to black and white than purple and pink?

Using black and white suggests that you like the simple things in life. You enjoy sitting down with a good book, or just having dinner with loved ones. It doesn't take much to please you.

You might be a bit more cautious with your interiors too. Perhaps you're scared of colour, but regardless, your home is still beautiful and stylish with simple monochrome colours.



How to style black and white

These colours require a lot of layering, otherwise your home can end up looking a little flat, with no colour to create depth. Patterns are important, so use patterned bedding with plain throws and cushions to really create layers.

Similarly, a white kitchen can look a little stark, so add lots of accessories where you can, including toasters and kettles too.

Top tip: Add a small touch of colour by using plants in modern pots.



Thank you for taking the time to read this eBook by Julian Charles. We hope it's given you lots of inspiration to try a new home style.

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