



# BRAVE GROUND

**Hester Grainger** caught up with some local interior designers to find out their thoughts on the colour of the year for 2021 and how can you use it to transform your home



**E**very year, the Dulux colour specialists and a team of top international design experts discuss the latest global trends that will affect every area of our lives. Dulux then translate these insights into one key colour that reflects the mood of the moment.

What has emerged from their trend forecast is that we're all reassessing what really matters in our lives. For 2021, Dulux colour experts have chosen Brave Ground™, a bolstering shade that connects back to nature and the simple things. It is a warm, earthy tone, which creates a feeling of stability, growth and potential; and provides a firm foundation for change and creativity in your home. It's also a versatile shade that lets other colours shine.

## KATE LOVEJOY

Kate Lovejoy, founder and interior designer at Kate Lovejoy Interiors said: "I'm afraid I'm someone who doesn't much go for these trend colours! That said it's an anchoring tone that can be used with lots of other natural colours to give a comforting ambience. It has a warm base colour which works well with natural wood as well as any warm toned colours. I'd use it with coral pinks and aqua blues as a great base colour."

Kate adds something to be aware of before you get your paint brush out: "One thing to note, is that it's quite a dark tone for a background colour, so you need a lot of natural light to make it work."

It's interesting that Kate mentioned pairing Brave Ground with coral. Dulux wants you to have the courage to be individual, by pairing it with the bold pinks and reds. These colours look great styled with modern furnishings, graphic patterns, light wood floors and are perfect for bedrooms.

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### ANOUSKA LANCASTER

Anouska Lancaster, managing director and interior designer at Noushka Design Ltd is a big fan of the colour. "I absolutely love Dulux's colour for 2021 'Brave Ground'. It has a great warmth to it, while looking modern and fresh. Most warm colours lean towards the yellow tones, which mean they are hard to pair, and can look very dated.

Brave Ground would pair beautifully with organic colours such as sea blues or forest greens. I think we are all looking for ways to bring the outdoors into our homes after spending so much time at home in 2020. Brave Ground is the perfect backdrop for faux or real plants which have seen a huge comeback over the last couple of years."

If you want to create a relaxed and informal dining area, you can pairing Brave Ground with Dulux's Timeless colours. This palette creates a firm foundation for any furnishings - traditional or modern; and works well with artisanal crafts and natural materials. You can frame it with timeless tones of sand and copper. Try out interesting paint techniques, such as a horizontal stripes of colour, to add interest and individuality.

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