



Rhapsody in blue

Enjoy your own kind of blue with these uplifting shades of a classic colour

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Having the winter blues takes on a whole new meaning when you consider using it as the primary decorating colour for the interior of your home. Rooms in shades of blue don't have to make you feel low in spirit. Instead they can have a more calming and serene feel.

It's a refreshing and uplifting colour palette to consider when the outdoors looks dull and grey.

Jacquie Pask, of Moss Melbourne, in St Kilda, shows how to use tonal variations of blue combined with accent colours, such as chocolate brown and camel, to create a cosy winter room.

"These colour features relate back with the season's fashions and work with the classic neutrals, which have greater longevity," she says.

Mix and match, and add your personal touch to the room, with a choice of cushions reflecting various shades of blue, and different textures, too.

The custom-made butterfly cushion, in Osborne & Little Allium fabric, depicts various shades within the one piece, and the square pintucked cushion in teal brings in the blue-green tones. The embossed leather cushions introduce another tactile element.

"Have a few custom-made cushions and balance out the cost with off-the-shelf cushions," Jacquie says.

The core furniture pieces in this setting include the dark-brown coffee table, which is juxtaposed against the softer tone of the suede sofa. These pieces form a good base on which to add colour to brighten

soften the look of the furniture through winter with texture and colour.

The two powder-blue glass vases on the coffee table are ideal accent pieces to bring out the blues, and the shapes add a sculptural element.

Mood lighting enhances the cosy ambience of your winter room. Avoid harsh light sources, which can detract from the tranquil feel you are trying to embrace, and consider a floor lamp or candlelight instead.

A bamboo ladder in a corner of the room provides a place for items such as throw rugs, and keeps them on display rather than tucked in a blanket box. Mirrors are a practical item, and their shape and style complement different looks.

The final touch is an artwork to breathe life into the setting. A striking two-panelled painting, called *Laydown Lily*, by Shayna Blaze-Vaughan, is featured here.



Three colours, blue
Blue is a versatile tone, matching well with browns and creams (above)

Flutter by
Prints associated with the sky complement the cool hues (right)

Sculptural touch
Different-shaped vases bring a



- > Cool crystal candlestick holder (tall) - \$53
- > Lismore crystal candlestick holder - \$67
- > White ceramic votive - \$8
- > Aqua medium-waisted vase - \$24
- > Aqua vase (large) - \$39
- > Three-seater Euro sofa, in Eurosuède sable fabric - \$3300
- > Mino ottoman, in white - \$165
- > Custom-made ottoman, in Arcus stripe fabric - \$785
- > Neo coffee table, in chocolate brown - \$649
- > Pure mchair fringed throw, in aqua - \$175
- > Pure wool lightweight throw, in light aqua - \$135
- > Merino wool throw, in chocolate brown - \$120
- > Jacquard dots, silk-and-wool stole, in turquoise - \$125
- > Olivia floor lamp - \$145
- > Este mirror, in chocolate brown - \$330
- > Bamboo ladder, in chocolate brown/natural - \$115
- > Embossed leather cushion, in teal (40cm x 40cm) - \$92
- > Embossed leather cushion, in teal (40cm x 60cm) - \$129
- > Embossed leather cushion, in teal (30cm x 60cm) - \$95
- > Global check silk cushion, in brown/teal (30cm x 60cm) - \$65
- > Square pintuck cushion, in teal (30cm x 60cm) - \$95
- > Triple stripe silk cushion (35cm x 35cm) - \$149
- > Custom-made butterfly cushion, in Osborne & Little Allium fabric - \$179

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> Painting *Laydown Lily*
(two panels) 100cm x 70cm each
- \$770 (complete)