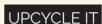
PicturePERFECT

Take-home tips and tricks to get you colour confident and Insta-ready

t House and Home magazine (Houseandhome.ie) we know that when it comes to making a house a home, you need to do more than a few things to get it right. A cosy, comfy couch is right at the top of our list – and DFS (dfs.ie) never disappoints. Then there are all the choices to make around colour, print and pattern – so we asked two of Ireland's top interiors influencers, Joanne from @aproudhome and Catherine Carton from @daintydressdiaries to help out. Read on for all their best tips and tricks.



Catherine
Carton, from
@daintydressdiaries,
is the queen of
the cute upcycle
and clever paint
makeover



PREP MAKES PERFECT

"My three golden rules for painting furniture are prep, prime and paint. I always emphasise good prep – even when some paint brands say not to. I've had some painting disasters with furniture, so now I always say to do this."



UPCYCLE ANYTHING

"Everything can be upcycled.
I did a recent 'DIY my rubbish' video where I transformed shoe boxes, jam jars and Pringle tins into useable items. Look at thrift and second hand shops for furniture you can paint –

that's where I get most of my pieces."

MOODY OUTLOOK

"Now, I always use mood boards, I think it's worth it to take the time to put them together. I didn't make mood boards in the beginning and I regretted it after. Using swatches, especially for paint and wallpaper, is important too as it helps to make sure you're making the right decisions."

COLOUR CUES

Joanne Mooney, from @aproudhome, has three secrets to a colour-filled home

OFF THE RAILS

"To discover your interior style, look at your wardrobe. It's like putting

an outfit together: start with the shoes and bag – and work from there. People find decorating their home daunting, but don't over analyse it. What works for you in clothes will work in your home."



"Colour preferences depend on your personality. Some people like greys or neutrals - some like pops of colour. I'd mix pink and red, or green and pink. Be confident when choosing colours - that's half the battle. Just do it. Use paint samples or digital mood boards if you're unsure. Start off with a cushion or a piece of furniture as a source of inspiration and work your colours around that."

PICK 'N' MIX

"I love the idea of picking a predominant colour from a wallpaper and painting the woodwork to match. I've done this in my own home with the wallpaper in my downstairs toilet. I picked a green shade

from it and painted all my woodwork green – it's fabulous!"



SITTING PRETTY

Catherine and Joanne's top tips for your best ever DFS sofa buy

JOANNE: "When choosing a couch, check the size, measure it to fit comfortably in your room. Consider how many people will be sitting on it. And try before you buy!"

CATHERINE: "Don't feel you always have to stick to a three-piece suite. Don't be afraid to mix and match. Have fun with smaller sofas, armchairs, cuddlers, or accent chairs."

JOANNE: "Choose a fabric that's durable for your home. If you've a gorgeous velvet sofa like me, don't let your smelly dog on it!"

CATHERINE: "You can have whatever you want once you're willing to clean and maintain it. I've the velvet fabric on my sofas and the cats love it! I maintain by a quick daily vacuum and I limit their time in the living room when I'm in work so they don't scratch it." **JOANNE:** "Be brave – go for a nice brightly coloured couch. Don't care what everyone else says or thinks. If you want a bright orange couch in your house, then buy it."

CATHERINE: "Think storage: a small compact footstool with storage doubles up as a table."



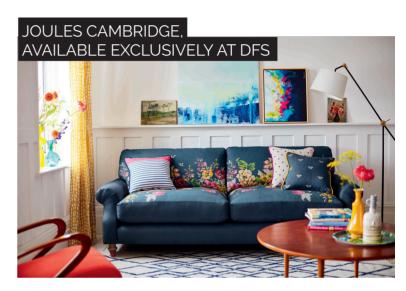


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A cosy comfy sofa is right top of our list – and DFS (dfs.ie) never disappoints. Here are four of *House and Home's* favourites from the Joules collection, available exclusively at DFS



The Windsor is Joules' take on a Chesterfield sofa. Featuring classic rolled arms and deep buttoned back detailing together with bold colour, this is a vibrant, modern take on a classic look. €1,819.



A bright contemporary sofa designed to bring the outdoors in, with reversible cushions featuring Joules' iconic Cambridge floral print. €1,299.



One of the latest additions to the Joules range available exclusively at DFS, the Cambridge sofabed transforms from a stylish sofa into a comfortable bed, offering extra space to host friends and family. €1,919.



Featuring soft tweed and finished with striking contrasting piping, the Ilkley offers a contemporary twist on classic country style. €1,599.





