

# GET Picture PERFECT

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



At 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.

## UPCYCLE IT

**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 CONNECTIONS

"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."



# MAKE A *Perfect* PICK

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

JOULES WINDSOR,  
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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.

JOULES CAMBRIDGE,  
AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT DFS



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

JOULES CAMBRIDGE SOFABED,  
AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT DFS



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.

JOULES ILKLEY,  
AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT DFS



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

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