

HOW TO CHECK COLOUR IN YOUR HOME

1 A4 brush-outs

The only way to be completely confident about how your paint colours will look, is to see how the paint has dried. You can't judge the colour by the look of wet paint, colours may darken up as the paint dries. It's hard to tell the effect by a small colour chip, especially colour card size.

There is nothing like seeing the colour of dry paint on a larger surface, then you can spot the colour's true personality, underlying notes and subtlety.

Retailers are now selling real paint brushed out onto A4 size cardboard. These colour cards are called Brush-outs. When time is short, they are a great shortcut.

We tape our options side by side, move them from the sunny side of the room to the shady wall, have a look which is best at night when the lights are on. You will see the difference. Paint Place has a collection of Brush-outs including the new Deliciously Different colours on page 14. Call 1 800 008 007 for your nearest store.

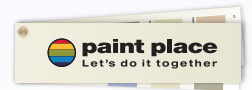
New Look Palais, Cuba, and Exclusive: three shades so pretty it is hard to choose between them.

2 sample pots

The 500 ml size New Look sample pot will enable you to paint out around six square metres of your chosen colour, remember you will need a couple of coats to see the colour correctly.

There are a number of ways to tackle this colour testing process:

- ◆ Paint out a section of the wall in both the lightest and darkest parts of the room. However, this is not for slow deliberators, the patches can leave your room looking a mess until the paint job starts.
- ◆ Paint the colour onto large sheets of cardboard and position them around the room to see how the colour works. This is less intrusive.
- ◆ Paint a canvas, readily available from an artist's supply store, \$2 shop or craft shop. It will provide you with a colour check and an instant artwork that you can hang on your freshly painted wall. Just add some stripes in a contrasting colour, see page 44. It might not be a Picasso, but will look very co-ordinated.



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