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## Mood of the month

*With the Indian interiors scene on the ascendancy thanks to the success of the first ever Design Mumbai last year, we are starting summer early with a palette that combines cumin, warming chilli and blooming bougainvillea pink*

**From left** 'Chess' plant pot, £18; 'Tristan' plant, £28, both Patch (patchplants.com). 'Tor' sofa, from £18,340, Sedilia (sedilia.com). 'Frame' cushion, £426, Cassina (cassina.com). 'Avalon H Club' blanket, £3,760, Hermès (hermes.com). 'Speckle' side plate, £20, The Conran Shop (theconranshop.co.uk). 'Quarry Red' floor tiles, £71 per sq m, Fired Earth (firedearth.com). 'Flor Desert' rug, £1,442, Pelican House (pelican-house.com) ►



## The inspiration

As the Western interiors world increasingly looks to the brilliance of Indian design, it is important to remember the titans who have shaped the country's current creative renaissance. To that end, this month we're shining a spotlight on the architect Charles Correa. He designed the Gandhi Memorial Museum in Ahmedabad among many monumental commissions, developing a style that rejected the influence of colonialism. Here, we look to the materials and colours of his own vibrant home, Verem Villas in Goa, which he shared with his wife Monika, a textile artist, until his death in 2015.



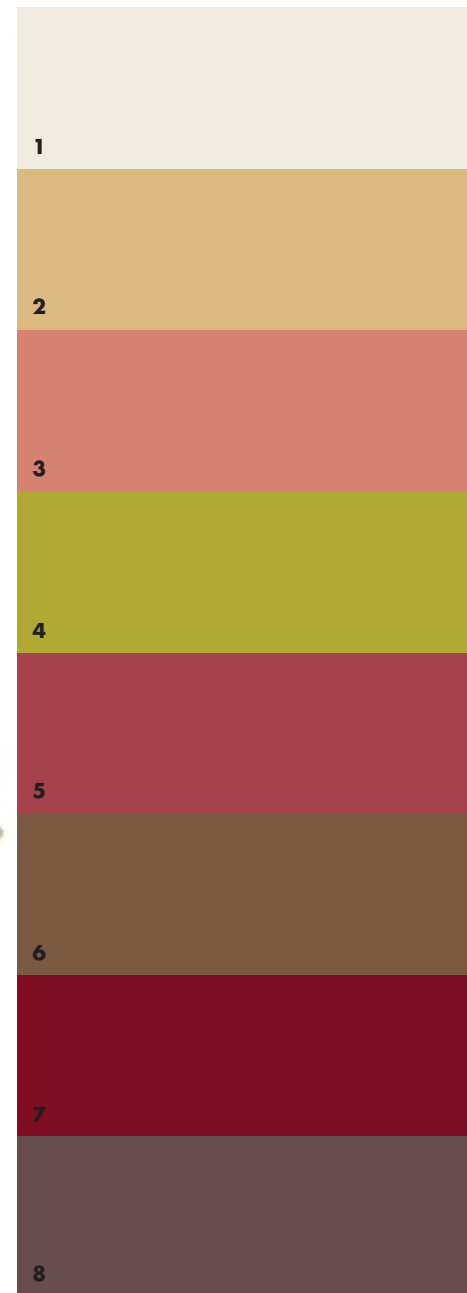
## The palette

- 1** 'Abigail Fern' **sheer**, £252 per m, Imogen Heath (imogenheath.com)
- 2** 'Foret Impressioniste' **fabric** in 'Forest', £85 per m, Designers Guild (designersguild.com)
- 3** 'Agave' **wallcovering** in 'Terracotta', £67 per roll, Arte (arte-international.com)
- 4** 'Eden' **mosaic tiles** in 'Daed 09', £121.71 per m, Domus (domusgroup.com)
- 5** 'Perfect Match' **fabric** in '10944 398', £318 per m, Zimmer + Rohde (zimmer-rohde.com)
- 6** 'Soleil' **tiles**, £259 per sq m, Otto Tiles (ottotiles.co.uk)
- 7** 'Kushime' **trim** in 'Terracotta', £40 per m, Designers Guild (designersguild.com)
- 8** 'Sycamore' **wallcovering**, £196 per m, Omexco (omexco.com)
- 9** 'Hilda' **fabric** in 'Sulphur', £302 per m, Raoul Textiles (raoultextiles.com)
- 10** 'Shinok' **wallcovering** in 'Savane', £103 per m, Casamance (casamance.com)
- 11** 'Dot' **wall hook** in 'Brown Green', £21, Muuto (muuto.com)
- 12** 'Dahlia' **fabric** in 'Ruggine', £228 per m, Rubelli (rubelli.com)
- 13** 'Basket' **outdoor fabric** in 'Peanut Butter Jelly' by Teklan, £70 per m, Kirkby Design (kirkbydesign.com)
- 14** 'Marble Light' **tiles**, approx £280 per sq m, Palet (palet.shop)
- 15** 'Lazare' **silk** in 'Petale', £124 per m, Manuel Canovas (manuelcanovas.com)



## The colour card

- 1** 'Spanish White', £66 for 2.5 litres, Edward Bulmer (edwardbulmerpaint.co.uk)
- 2** 'Bassoon', £57.50 for 2.5 litres, Little Greene (littlegreene.com)
- 3** 'Etruscan Red', £45 for 2.5 litres, Craig & Rose (craigandrose.com)
- 4** 'Chartreuse', £23.50 for 0.94 litres, Benjamin Moore (benjaminmoorepaint.com)
- 5** 'Theatre Land', £64.50 for 2.5 litres, Mylands (mylands.com)
- 6** 'Honfleur', £26.95 for 1 litre, Annie Sloan (anniesloan.com)
- 7** 'Iconic Red', £28 for 1 litre, YesColours (yescolours.com)
- 8** 'Cherry Truffle' by Dulux Heritage, £46 for 2.5 litres, B&Q (diy.com) ▶



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## The interior

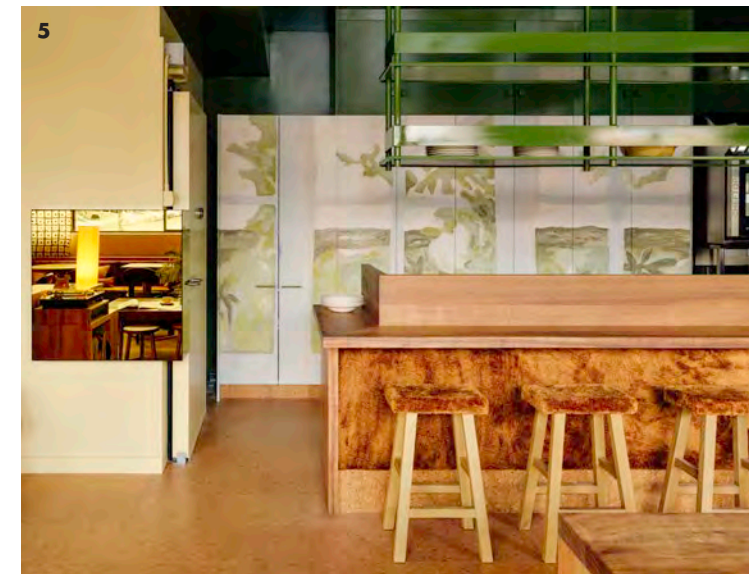
We may crave the heat of Indian summers, but you don't need the sun to be shining for this palette – all turmeric yellow, chilli red, green and pink – to work its magic in your home. In combination, these hues have the power to raise the temperature of a space all on their own! Be inspired by the artisan craftsmanship of the country with patterns that bring to mind intricate weaving techniques, or take a bold approach with colour-blocked walls and glossy finishes that speak to the beauty of lacquerware. How spicy you want to make things is entirely up to you.



**1** The design team at American studio Another Human was inspired by the bathroom of Californian modernist architect Ray Kappe when creating this space in a recent project. Mustard yellow brings out the tones of the timber, while the addition of the bespoke vanity unit's built-in planter fills us with inspiration (anotherhuman.la).  
**2** Not often would we draw comparisons between the Kentish coastal town of Deal and India, but the combination of Farrow & Ball's 'Eating Room Red', 'Raw Tomatillo' and 'Cane' in the hallway of Russell Loughlan's Instagram-famous house has us feeling the heat (@thehouseondolphinst).  
**3** Stylist and co-owner of Manufacture Royale LECTURE Christèle Ageorges centred the palette of the hotel's lounge around the 'Oman' kilim by Elitis, picking out terracotta, khaki and ochre shades (lamanufactureroyaledellecture.com).

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**4** Walls can be plain if the fabrics do the talking. The headboard in this bedroom is upholstered in a textile that brings to mind traditional Indian weaves, with the colours perfectly complementing Australian brand Sheridan's 'Abbotson' bedding in 'Raisin' (sheridan.com.au).  
**5** YSG Studio's interior for Superfreak café in Sydney offers a dialled-up take on this palette with avocado green, cork floors and pops of pink. An abstract leaf mural behind the bar is a visual link to the sunny landscape (ysg.studio).  
**6** Milan, not India, was the inspiration for Studio Gram when creating Latteria, a bar in Adelaide, but its use of rippled, yellow stained glass creates the feeling of sunshine pouring in, while the simple wooden furniture painted in bright hues adds to a combination that is undeniably hot (studio-gram.com.au).



## The easy update

**1** 'Terra' portable lamp by OEO Studio for Mater, £208, David Village Lighting (davidvillagelighting.co.uk) **2** 'Jello' side table by Marco Campardo, from approx £4,180, Galerie Kreo (galeriekreo.com) **3** 'Cube' chair for No.Mad, price on application, Ajay Shah Design Studio (asdsow.com) **4** 'Braid' tray, £103, Bitossi Home (bitossihome.it) **5** 'Loads of Line' plate, £56, Redduo (redduo.it) **6** 'Hand Loom' rug by Gan in 'Space Hopper', £1,909, Jane Clayton (janeclayton.co.uk)

**7** 'Pieces' cushion by Charlie Sheppard, £70, The Conran Shop (theconranshop.com) **8** 'Zafiro' dining table, £990, The Masie (themasie.com) **9** 'Dummy' vase by Souhaib Ghanmi, approx £145, Raawii (raawii.eu) **10** Modular two-seater sofa with side table by Moebe, £2,660, Twentytwentyone (twentytwentyone.com) **11** 'Cross' vase by Bodil Kjaer, £377, Cassina (cassina.com) **ED**