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WARM AND WELCOMING MAKEOVER

MY HOME IS INSPIRED BY A SUNSET colour scheme

Pops of pattern, natural textures and paint effects in a medley of terracotta, mustard and pinks infuse **Freya Snow's** home with warmth and character

My story

My partner, Louis, and I saved for our first house while living at home with our parents. We hoped to have three bedrooms as Louis works at home and I need a studio for my work as a textile designer, and we wanted to stay close to family. A big renovation wasn't for us as I knew we could transform a house just by decorating and bringing in colourful accessories.

When we saw this place, we loved the open-plan living and dining room layout but

the grey decor needed warmth. I use lots of colour, pattern and texture in my design work so it was natural for me to want to do the same in our interiors. I already had a collection of garlands, wall hangings, cushions and art so I laid everything out and liked how the pinks, oranges, yellows and burgundy came together, which led me to fall in love with the idea of a sunset colour scheme. When we found a paint range in Homebase with similar colours, everything fell into place.

It's been lovely doing up our first home. There's still more to do, but we've really enjoyed making it our own and we love living here.



Welcome to my home

A BIT ABOUT ME

I'm Freya Snow, 26, a textile designer @freyasnowstudio. I live with my fiancé, Louis Kimber, 27, a mechanical engineer, plus our boxer dog, Posy. I post about my home on Instagram @freyaelizabethsnow.

WHERE I LIVE

Our home is a three-bedroom, 1970s end-of-terrace in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire that we bought in July 2023.

WHAT I WANTED TO CHANGE

We had the space we needed and liked the layout, but the silvery-grey decor felt cold, uninviting and dull.

HOW I MADE IT MY OWN

Warm paint colours, vibrant art and a mix of tactile furnishings were a must to make the rooms feel welcoming and homely.

MY FAVOURITE PART

I love the open-plan living and dining area as they tie together so well, yet we've also successfully made them into two separate spaces.



Porch

'We went to IKEA but the only dedicated shoe storage they had was in white and I wanted something with colour. We chose this blue Skruvby cupboard instead. I found the curved mirror in Matalan and this inspired me to paint the arch in the same terracotta as the living and dining room.'

← 'We painted the walls a pale peachy pink to tie in with the pink and terracotta arch,' says Freya. The Skruvby cupboard is from IKEA and the cane mirror is from Matalan. For a similar colour, try Dulux Peach Country

'I already had the wall hanging from Urban Outfitters, along with the one in the dining room, which inspired the paint colours,' says Freya. The Blackbird print is from Freya Snow Studio and the Neon Garden print is from Layla Holzer



'Cushions are grouped in themes and colours,' says Freya. 'The daisy print one from Next complements the single daisy cushion from Tesco, while sunset colours continue the theme in Dunelm's textured sun and rainbow cushions'

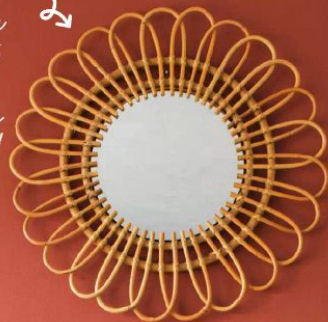


Living room

'The size and layout of this space was a big draw for us as it was so different to the small separate lounges we'd seen. We painted in terracotta, mustard yellow and subtle pink to go with my sunset-inspired accessories. The paint we found in Homebase went on beautifully and this was the first room we decorated before the delivery of the two new Hampi sofas from DFS. We didn't place the order for them until we'd moved in and measured the space as we wanted the corner one to fit exactly against the wall without sticking out. The sofas are the same design, and I particularly love the pink one. For similar paint colours, try Tuscan Terracotta and Blossom White by Dulux, and Crown's Mustard Jar.

Style idea

Rich terracotta makes a great backdrop for natural rattan accessories and leafy plants



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'I considered mustard for the chimney breast but the warmth and depth of terracotta is a great contrast with pink and yellow accessories,' says Freya. The Marrakech mini Moroccan tiles are from Your Tiles



'We considered a half wood slat wall but decided shelves would give us the division we needed with the added benefit of display space,' says Freya. The scallop edge basket is from Matalan, the scallop side table is from George Home

Dining room

'We didn't want the open-plan space to feel like one giant room with furniture all around the edges. So, we had the idea to put in a divider to separate the relaxing area from the dining table with shelves my sister didn't want anymore. We had a smaller hand-me-down table when we first moved in but decided to buy the extendable Flair Edelweiss table from B&Q so we could entertain properly. The table is a simple mid-century design, and the tone of the wood matches the chairs my nan gave us. I love to decorate the table and have friends and family over for dinner.'



← 'The ochre curtains from La Redoute look lovely next to the terracotta wall as they're both warm tones, while the fabric weight gives density of colour,' says Freya. The Kew pasta bowls are from Habitat and the jute placemats are from H&M Home

→ 'We bought the woven rattan cupboard recently from Sweek as we knew we wanted storage but didn't want to go too big and clutter the room until we'd got used to the space,' says Freya



'My gallery wall is connected by the colours and themes of flowers, plants and landscapes,' says Freya. 'I designed the daffodils, cheese plant and greenhouse prints and the others are by artists I love. The origami star garland is a kit from Cambridge Imprint

EXPERT ADVICE

Make your own star garlands

- Make five-point stars from pretty origami paper and thread them onto string. An origami kit will include sheets of patterned paper the right weight for making the firm creases needed to form star shapes that won't slip apart.
- A 2D star is raised at the front and flat at the back. Use a printable template that shows the cut and fold lines on paper you print yourself at home. You'll just need your own A4 coloured paper, a ruler, scissors and glue. Use a needle to make tiny holes at the top to thread onto clear nylon thread. We like the template from PaperismShop on Etsy which has instructions to make 5, 7 and 8-point stars.
- Alternatively, you can decorate flat or 3D wooden stars. These come in packs and the 3D designs are slotted together. Leftover paint, wallpaper and decoupage paper work well for this. Tie or hot glue the finished stars onto twine or ribbon to make the garland.
- Drape your garland in swags across a mantelpiece, above a window or a door opening – Freya used her star garland to frame her gallery wall. Use command hooks which can easily be removed if you fancy a change. You could also hang your garland vertically to liven up an awkward corner.



'I originally painted the walls the same pink colour as our bedroom but it wasn't pink enough,' says Freya. 'I mixed it with the porch paint and a bit of terracotta to get the right shade. The Cavaletto homewares set is from Tower and the jute rug is from Rugs Direct

Kitchen

The unobtrusive white kitchen was a plus point for the couple who didn't have the budget for a new one. They removed a run of worktops and an undercounter fridge to fit in their large fridge-freezer and relocated a redundant set of drawers to a gap in the base units. 'The previous owners had stored their bin here, which we felt looked messy and wasn't a good use of the space,' says Freya. 'The drawers fitted perfectly. These small changes have made a big difference.'



'Painswick Rococo Gardens commissioned me to design the snowdrop print for the homewares collection they sell in their gift shop. The garden is famous for its beautiful snowdrops in the winter,' says Freya. 'My Berry Burst tea towels and chopping board look lovely with the green tones and pink walls too'



Rattan furniture continues the inside-outside theme into the garden

Main bedroom

'I love the warm tone of mustard yellow. It's my favourite colour and I knew it would make our bedroom feel cosy and restful. We also wanted to try out some interesting ideas with paint and had seen the colour-blocking in a show home so we had a go ourselves. A statement headboard was a must but as I have lots of patterned bedding sets, I didn't want another busy fabric. I'm a fan of the boho look and like how natural materials contrast with bright colours.'

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'I love how the curved shape of the Tio headboard from La Redoute has the look of the sun against a yellow horizon, echoing the similar motifs we've used elsewhere in our home,' says Freya. The Taga cane bedside table is also from La Redoute.

Bathroom

'The bathroom fittings are still in good condition, and we don't have the budget to replace anything, so we're happy the tiles are an inoffensive neutral base for adding colour with accessories. The cute turtle plant pot is from Urban Outfitters, which I was really pleased to nab in the sale! I'm now planning to have one of my own designs printed as a blind to bring more colour and pattern into the room. Eventually, I'll swap the plain bath panel out for patterned tiles.'

STEAL MY STYLE

Get Freya's calm yet colourful home style with these buys



← Soleil tufted cushion, £7.99, The Range

→ Mozambique triangle clay planter, 23cm, £49, Where Saints Go

→ Tufted cotton bath mat in Sunset, £19.95, Rex London



'Colour-blocking with mustard yellow on the lower part of the wall adds warmth without overwhelming the room,' says Freya. For a similar shade, try Crown's Mustard Jar. The dried flowers are from the Tattooed Florist.

'I found the boho print shower curtain on Amazon, which was a surprise as it wouldn't be the first place I'd look for homewares,' says Freya. The pink plant pot is from Elho.



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What I learned

- It's ok to change your plans! We bought tiles from Tiles Direct to go around the fireplace but didn't get round to putting them up. The pattern looks just as lovely laid out on the floor and provides a pretty surface for displaying our plants so we decided to keep them like this.
- Get fabric swatches and check what they look like in your home. We saw our two sofas together in the DFS showroom and thought the grey one was cream, which was what we wanted. Luckily, cushions and a yellow and pink throw draw the eye so it's not that noticeable.
- It can pay to wait before choosing accessories. I bought the scallop side table in blue from George Home early on because I liked the shape. Now I wish I'd waited and bought the pink one as it would be perfect for my scheme!