



# HOW TO

transform a room  
with colour



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## THE EFFECT OF COLOUR ON SPACE

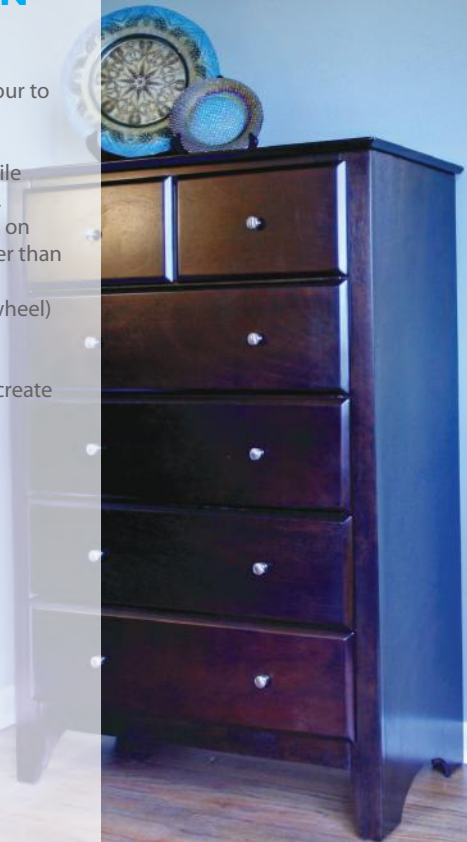
In this booklet we'll show you how to use colour to change the apparent proportions of a room.

Dark colours make surfaces appear closer, while light colours make them appear further away. Contrasting colours (colours that are far apart on the colour wheel) make a space appear smaller than it is. Colours with little contrast (closer together on the colour wheel) can make a space appear larger than it is.

Use these guidelines and play with colour to create the home you want.



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## SMALLER

Dark walls make a room appear smaller



## LARGER

Light walls make a room appear larger



## TALLER

A light ceiling and dark walls make a room appear taller and narrower



## WIDER

A dark ceiling and light walls make a room appear shorter and wider



## COZY

A dark ceiling seems lower. Bring the ceiling colour down the walls to enhance cosiness



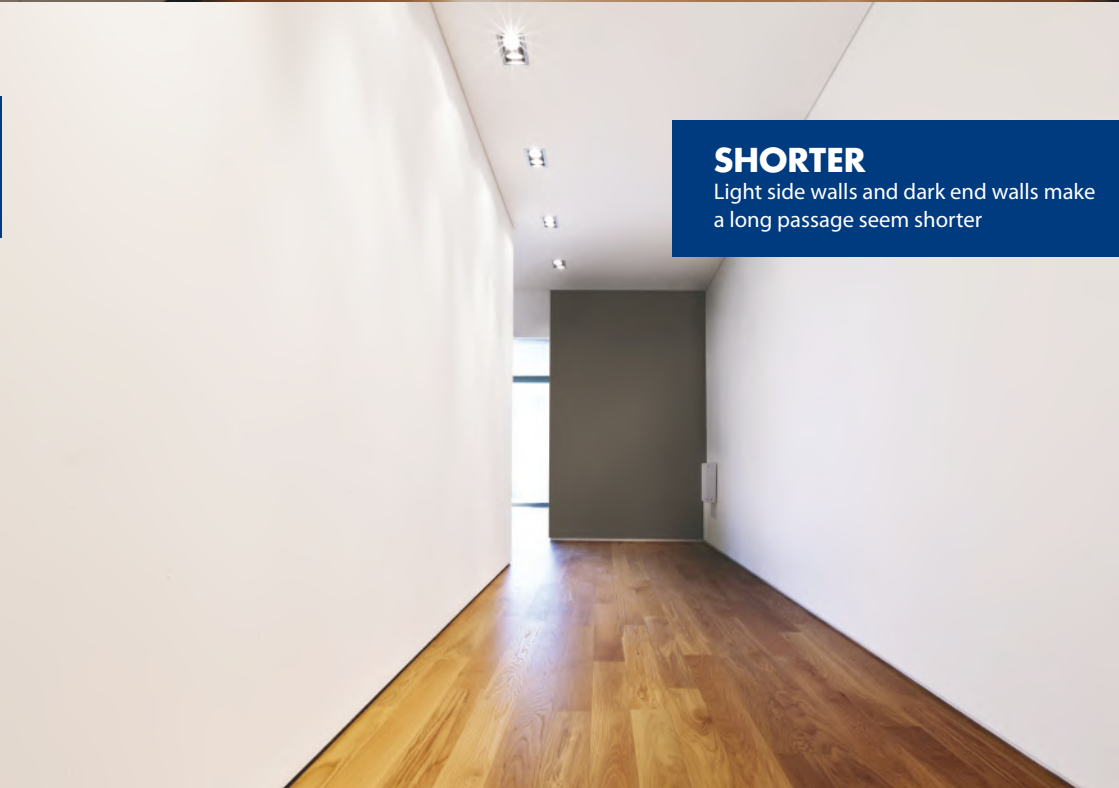
## AIRY

A white ceiling seems higher and makes a room feel larger and airier



## LONGER

Dark side walls and a light end wall make a short passage seem longer



## SHORTER

Light side walls and dark end walls make a long passage seem shorter

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