

# iBN Studio: Accent Colours

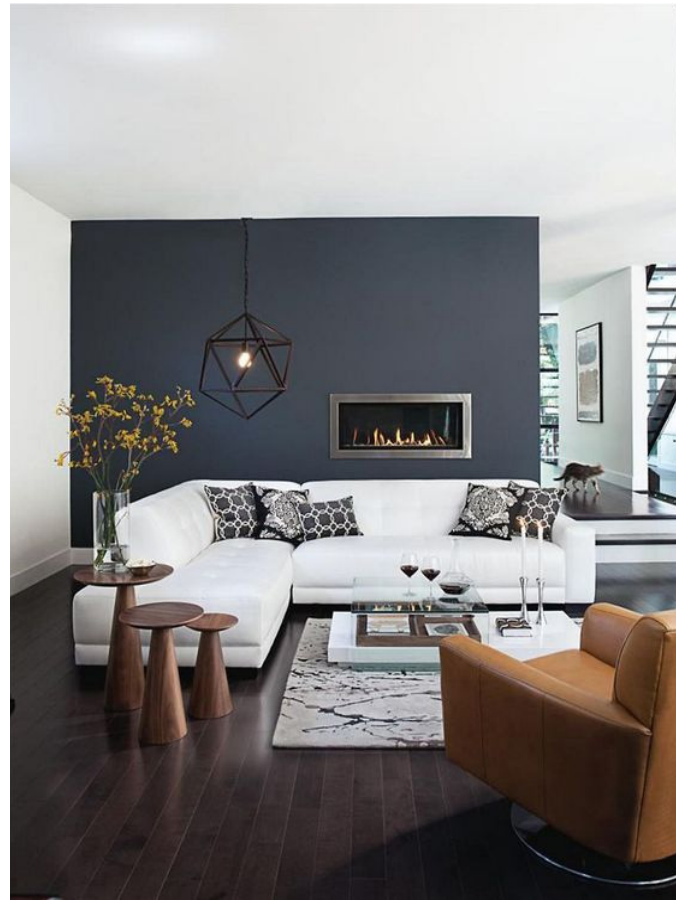
One of the greatest debates when it comes to choosing colours for your new build home is whether to include accent colours in certain spaces. A good colour can be an instant mood-lifter, but the wrong decision will have a reverse effect. Here is our fool-proof guide to getting accent colours right.



Before you even start thinking about the colours, decide which part of the house you are going to “accent” first.

Check your house plan and get a rough idea of how you will arrange your furniture. **The accent colours should be in areas you want to draw attention to**, such as the fireplace, a collection of artworks, or your bed.

Warm grey accent wall by the staircase is nicely contrasted to the fresh white walls and cherry wood.



The easiest way to start choosing accent colours is to **take into account the others colours that have already been decided.**

Maybe you prefer using dark timber flooring, or perhaps there is this maroon coloured sofa you love. Based on these settings, you can narrow down the choices of accent colours to the ones that complement the decided features.

Cool grey accent wall draws attention to the fireplace, blends in with the oak timber flooring, and accentuates the cosy white sofa.



Another way to tackle this is to **consider how you and your family will use that space and what mood you'd like to create.**

Warm hues such as oranges and yellow are ideal for living areas because they evoke an energised and cosy feeling. Warm hues advance visually towards the viewer, which can make an expansive area feel more intimate.

Cool hues like blues and greens recede which makes a room look bigger, they also help create a calm and relaxing mood.

The two living spaces here look more connected by using a vibrant red accent. It also creates an inviting atmosphere as you step inside.



Mint accent wall draws attention to the bright windows and luscious greens. It echoes to the whole relaxing vibe of the bedroom.



**Consider how lighting may affect your choice of colour.**

Here are the basics: Natural daylight shows the truest colours, incandescent bulbs tend to bring out yellow tones, whereas fluorescent lighting can cast a sharp blue tone.



**Colours you choose should come together as a well balanced and cohesive palette.**

This creates a harmonious flow when you are moving from one space to the other, whereas a sharp transition in colours can interrupt this experience and make your home feel disconnected.



**Accent colours don't have to be bold.**

Subtle accents like light grey and sand can be just enough to get your feet wet. They add a touch of personality and almost never go out of style.





**Explore new, unexpected ways to use accent colours.**

The sky is the limit. If you like something, always bring it up to the colour consultant of your chosen builder. They know best what's suitable for your particular design.