

## 5 outdated color rules designers are breaking for 2024 – how many are you still following?

It's time to throw these color design rules out the window – here's what designers are doing instead



Design rules can be tricky, can't they? Rather than being set in stone, so many of them do actually become outdated as time and trends move on – meaning breaking them can result in a fresh and more contemporary look.

The same goes for [color rules](#) – as designers experiment more and more with color, they often find that the best schemes are those that don't follow traditional wisdom. In fact, following some time-honored color rules can actually make a scheme feel a little outdated.

So which outdated color rules are designers breaking right now – and are there any they still stick to? We spoke to the experts to find out.

A home that's too matchy-matchy from room to room can actually feel quite dated. And when there's such a strong argument for designing a room based on how you want it to feel – energetic in a kitchen, say, and soothed in a bedroom – one color scheme isn't going to work for all. 'We love to give rooms off the main hallway a bold punch, allowing them to stand on their own,' says [Kate Duffy](#) of Atlanta-based design firm Duffy Scott Interiors.

Still, it helps to have a thread through your space, and for [Julee Wray](#), principal designer at Truss Interiors in Denver, Colorado, it's a tonal one. 'Tonally, colors need to be the same throughout so they speak to each other nicely, she explains. 'For example, if you have a muddy blue in one room, keep the adjacent room's color muddy as well.'