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Main walls painted in Attic II; border painted in Sky Blue, both £35 for 2.5ltrs of absolute matt emulsion or £41.50 for 2.5ltrs intelligent matt emulsion, both Little Greene

GRAPHIC PAINTING STYLE

Little Greene likes to mix up old with new, classic with contemporary, and traditional with trendy. This season it has put together some very stylish suggestions for combining colour – no more matchy-matchy schemes; instead, sophisticated base shades are teamed with bold accents or ‘highlights’. To really up the decorating stakes, include both colours on each wall in a graphic linear style. For maximum effect, try the reverse scheme in an adjoining room.

Right Torque brushed aluminium mosaic tiles, from £22.60 per W27x L27cm sheet or £309.95 per m², Original Style

MODERN WOODGRAIN

If you're after something special in your contemporary living area, dining room or open-plan space, then wood panelling, with its warmth, texture and high-end look, is a great on-trend option. The stylish wooden surfaces from interior design company Keir Townsend are ideal for panelling. Each panel comes with a frame that is fixed to the wall first, then the panel is attached to the frame. Unless you're super-handly at DIY, though, it's best to call in a trusted decorator or carpenter to install them.



Carved panels, available in wenge, rosewood, cherry wood, maple, rovere oak and teak, in sheets up to W300x L300cm, from £500 per m², Keir Townsend

METALLIC MOSAIC STATEMENT

Add a stylish touch to a hallway or home office with these 3D mosaic metallic tiles – a key design trend. For safety reasons, they should only be installed in dry areas, and rough edges and burrs will need to be filed off carefully after fitting. Avoid using the tiles where you will brush past them or where small children might touch the surface, and a qualified electrician will need to carry out any electrical work around them, due to their metal content. On the upside, they're easy to keep looking shiny – either wipe with a soft cloth or kitchen paper.

