



Naked Decor uses carpet tiles in a variety of red shades to expand size of the room



FORMA Design paired red walls against an all white cabinetry to play on contrasting shades

TIPS
Statement walls bring life to an empty space. Paint over a single wall or apply wallpaper with a subtle hue of red. It will spruce up your space without coming off as overpowering.

SCARLET VISION

From Licorice Stick to Valentine, there are a thousand shades of red. Here we take a look at red-inspired interiors in all areas of the home **TEXT HAJAR YUSOF**

As a statement colour, the colour red has the power to define the ambiance within a space. Each shade represents its own set of moods. Orange-tinted shades may bring a burst of energy in to a room, while darker shades such as burgundy and maroon evoke broodier undertones for more personal spaces like bedrooms.

As a lively hue, red can increase one's appetite. When it comes to mapping out the kitchen interior, incorporating red statement pieces like bar stools and hanging ceiling lights, or a simple red glass-tiled kitchen backsplash are small details that can bring vigour to a colour palette. On a grander scale, installing red cabinetry and countertops can also make for great focal points.

"Red is the color of the feng shui fire element, the color of warmth, excitement

and passion," said US-based feng shui expert Rodika Tchi. "Just like your body needs warmth in any season, the same applies to your home." With the New Year approaching, it is perhaps an appropriate shade for those looking to inject colour into their homes. **ITC**



Mary Cook Associates uses a bright red statement wall to rejuvenate the room



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Christopher Patrick Interiors uses a great pattern in a rich shade of red to bring character to a small space



Design by Dale Eramo and fabrics by Beckenstein

WORK ON THE LITTLE DETAILS

The idea of incorporating red into their homes seems rather intimidating to some, but there are tricks of the trade. You can add little touches like changing the colour of your drapes, the upholstery on your furniture or even cushions and throws. These are easy changes which can have a big effect on the overall feel of the space.

A coloured ceiling, for example, can have a powerful impact on a room, although, most people tend to forget this. If the room is decorated with neutral furnishings, painting your ceiling red will add a punch of colour to the space.



Interior designer Vanessa De Vargas uses bold colour combinations that involve deep oranges, pink and red