I know what I like

lovely mug ugly mug

My original ‘go to’ mug was this one, because I love yellow.

I think a cup of tea in the morning, and a cup of tea in the evening starts me up in the morning and relaxes me at the end of the day.

I like a big cup of tea and this would be my ‘go to’ mug for the mornings, especially because when I’m in a rush, I make my cup of tea and then I get ready, and then by the time I finish getting ready, it will have cooled down because of the large surface area.

So this is like my morning ‘go to’ mug, and I got this from Sainsbury’s but they have Habitat as well. It’s my favourite mug. I just really like the round shape and the colour. I like a big cup of tea.

It’s easy to carry. I live on the top floor, so small handles are not really great. So I bought this one for uni.

And then this is one of my favourite coffee mugs

Smaller - a cappucino mug. I went to Paris for a year (last year) and I had nothing of my own really. Apart from my clothes I had nothing homely of my own. I was feeling a bit isolated during lockdown. I actually went to Hema and I got myself loads of homely bits loads of bowls and mugs, and I instantly felt better - It's green and it's got a nice finish on it and - quite a wide surface area, which I like. I think you need a bright colour to start your day

In my flat there were - other people's mugs and I didn't really like them and they felt really foreign to me. I just needed a nice mug to have there that I could see every morning . Drinking out of - a foreign mug just made me feel - a bit uneasy. It didn't put me in a bad mood, but it just didn't really get me up and out in the right way. I think especially when you're living alone it's just nice to have your 'go to' mug. I think everyone has a 'go to' mug - I think it was important because I felt a bit lost. All of the mugs were on a a shelf, which was exposed so I'd also look at them every day - all of these ugly mugs, I really didn't like, how ugly my flat looked.

I just think you need a bright caller to start your day. especially if it's going to be shown or if it's going to be on a bedside table. I don't really like how this one looks on my on my table when i'm in my room

The finish

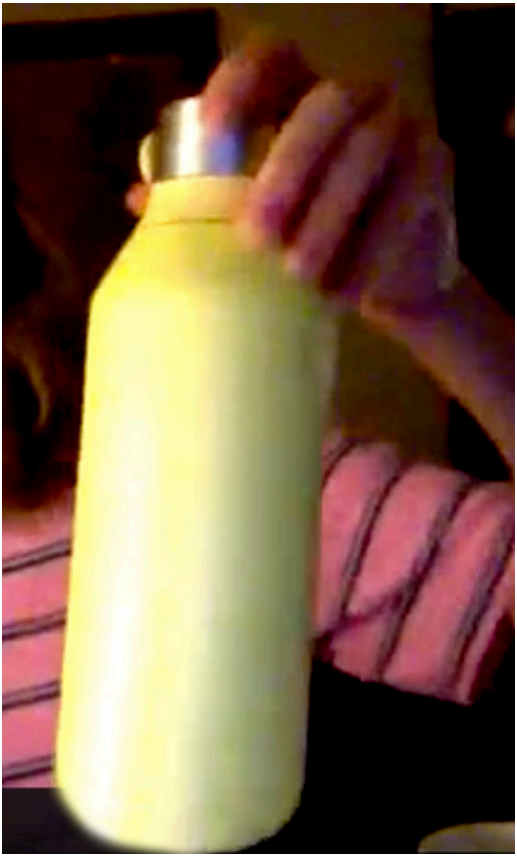
I think these two mugs hasve some speckles on, it feels like - more solid, smoother. (They) look more rustic, which I like.

Then when I came to uni, this became my favourite mug

It makes it makes a lot of people feel quite uncomfortable because it's transparent, which I understand, but I really like its shape. It's not as big as this (yellow one) but it's bigger than this (coffee mug), so its' size is perfect because sometimes, if I'm just at home, (like today, working from home) , I don't want my cup of tea to cool down too quickly. Because by the time I have remembered my tea, it will be cold and I don't like a tepid cup of tea.

So I like its' shape. Obviously the transparency is not great, but I don't mind it that much. It makes a lot of people feel quite uncomfortable, but yeah - it's got mixed feelings around the house. But I quite I like its' shape. I like the rim being thin. I think with a nice herbal tea it would actually look quite aesthetic.

This is one that I found - it's my housemate's. I probably would not have bought this in a shop myself. Idon't really like how this one looks on my on my table when I'm in my room. Ideally, it would be one of these colours (yellow or green) but this shape. Some people like it some people don't. It's about half and half around the house.



Are those (favourite mugs) the colours you are drawn to?

Yes, so definitely - green, purple, yellow. I like colours. I wear a lot of colour. I have a yelllow water bottle. I have lot of colour in my life I only have one pair of black trousers.

So I definitely need mugs to be colourful... I quite like mugs when they are an animal or something... animal shape. I am not sure I would like a patterned mug.

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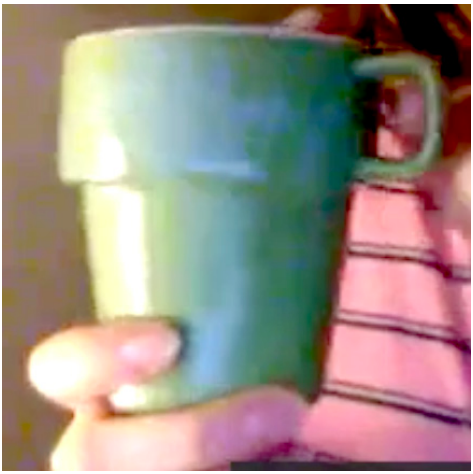
My least favourite mugs

So they're actually both a similar colour.

These ones look very industrially made. I feel like these have been definitely mass-produced. - not as homely.



This one - with a tiny handle. It's small. I really dislike its shape. I dislike how it's not a uniform shape. Not rounded - It's angular.

(the handle) - it's just small. I've actually never drunk from it, but I would not pick it from the cupboard. With this little thing (handle) So, I don't even know how you meant to hold that.

The colour is all right. I don't think it was very nice finish on it- its a bit matt. And it's got these - weird flowers on there - which I don't like.

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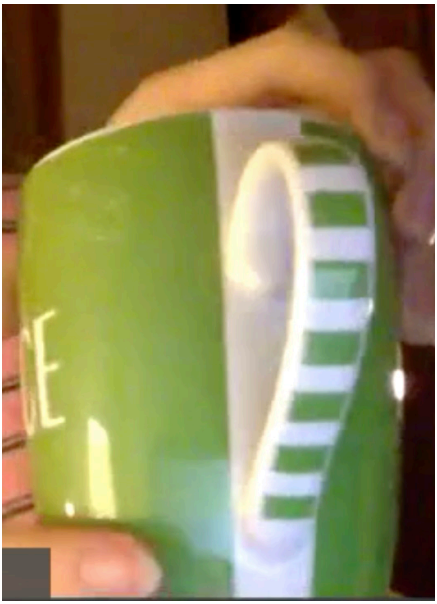

This is renowned for being the worst mug in the house

We call it the nice mug because it says nice (and), it's not so nice

Again, the finish isn't very nice. It's got some weathering.

I actually think uniform colour is important because- I don't like how they've just left out this bit to be white. It just almost looks like you've taken the paintbrush and just not been bothered to paint that bit.

It's an okay shape. I prefer a round mug rather than a longer mug. The colour is okay, I think the colour is nice. It's just the finish I don't like.

Home Mugs

This is a really big mug. It's Le Creuset which is a kitchen brand that I love. I really like the feel of it because the finish is really soft and it's got a nice large handle. This is my 'o to' mug for my morning cup to tea.

I really love the colour and finishes of these mugs and I love how round they are. They're very aesthetic and calming. They're also quite big mugs for a nice big cup of tea ! They have a really thin lip too which makes them really enjoyable to drink from.

My mum got me this for one of my birthday and it has some of my favourite artists on it - Dali, Picasso. I like it for a coffee or a herbal tea as it's not as big as the other two which I prefer for a breakfast tea. I really love these artists so it's a nice fun mug to have/drink from.

1/6 espresso 4/6 steamed milk 1/6 foamed milk
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LATTE

I don’t like this mug because it’s shape is too long and thin and it’s boring colours. I also don’t like the words it has on it. It’s not a homely, comforting mug.

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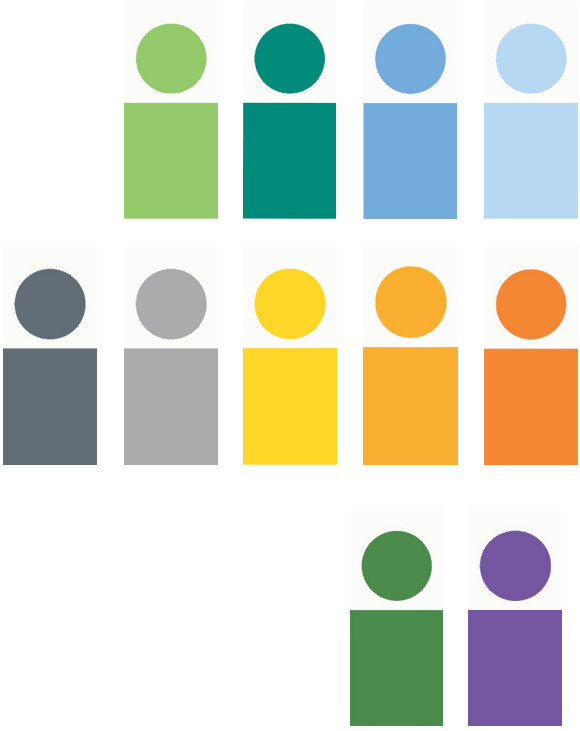
The shape of this mug is alright however I really dislike the colour scheme. The colours look a bit old and dark so it doesn't seem like a nice morning mug to me. I also don't like that it has lettering.

Colour



It kind of depends on the context

I guess the lighter colours I prefer.

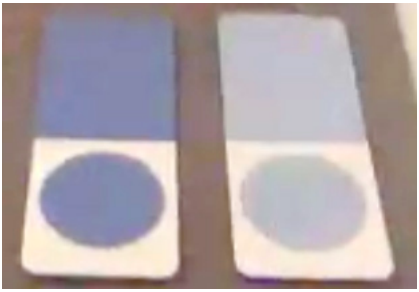
When I was kind of picking them, it was just like: Oh, I like that one, I'll put it there.

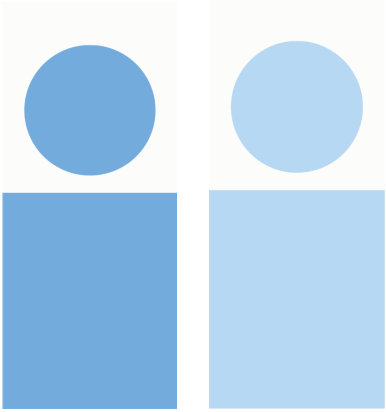
I wasn't really. thinking too deeply about it

Are there any colours you particularly like that aren't there?

I guess maybe - a lighter yellow ?

Maybe a bit of a lighter green as well.

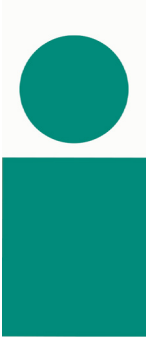




I like these blues

I'd quite like these for a bathroom or I would wear these blues for my clothes. - I have these blue colours for nail polish, for example.

So I like them, but I don't know if I'd paint a wall in one of those blues because I feel like they're quite light -it would look a bit washy-outy.

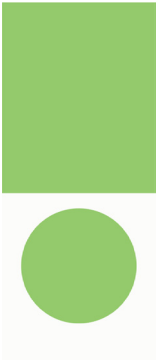


I thought this green would be really nice for a bathroom

It's quite sea like - kind of like bluey- greenie.

But I probably wouldn't wear it for piece of clothing, and I probably wouldn't wear nail polish in that colour .

But I maybe would have a sofa in that kind of colur .

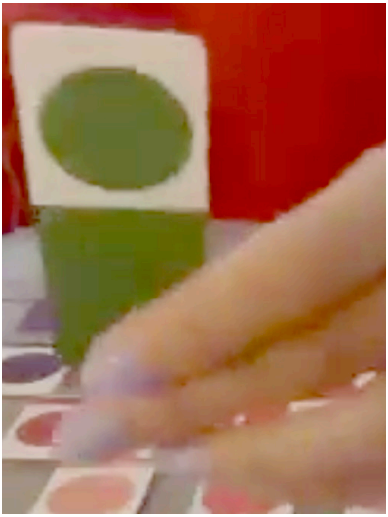


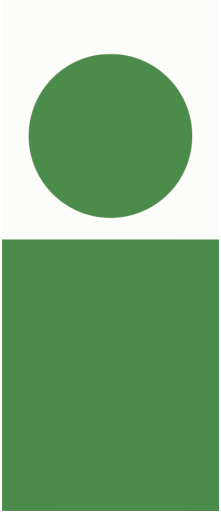
I really like this colour

I have clothes in this colour. I just really like this colour. I have clothes in this colour.

But I don't know if I' d have a wall painted in that colour because it can look a bit sick. Actually, our walls in n halls were a bit similar colour - a bit lighter than this, avocado green.. I hated them. Everyone tried to cover them up in pictures and posters and stuff because it was brick painted in this colour.

It's like an ongoing joke - everyone hates the walls in Oak House (because they're) -renowned for being really, really ugly.





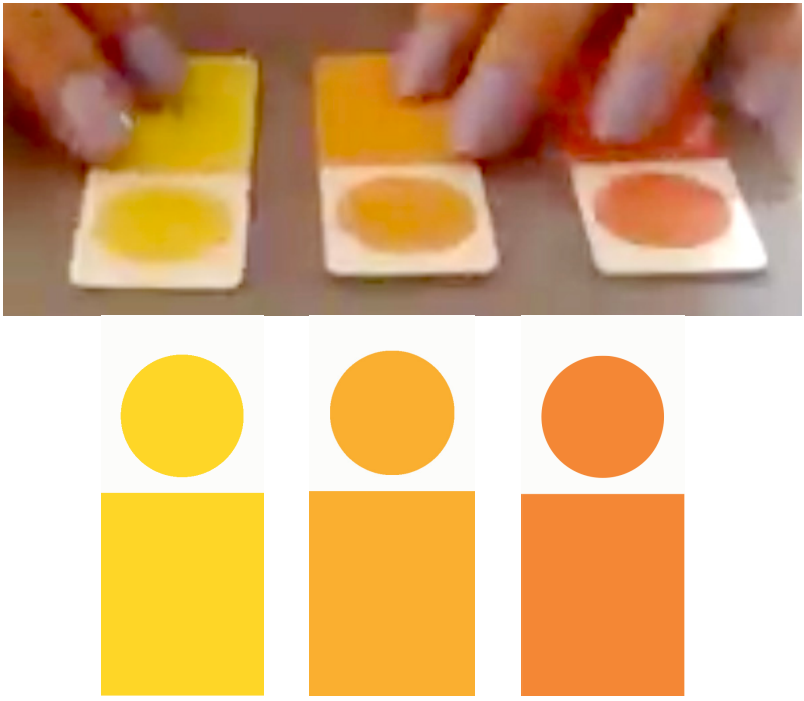
This green

I wear a lot of clothes this colour but I wouldn't paint a wall that colour.

But I would have a sofa in that colour - so maybe I will move it (to my likes) . Yes, I guess it just depends on the context.

Actually - SH7''s sofa is actually - quite a similar colour. I realise, I really, really like the colour of her sofa.

I don't think I would have instinctively gone for this colour, but when I thought about what I wear in terms of clothes and SH7's sofa, I thought - actually, that is quite nice. - so it's been added to the list.

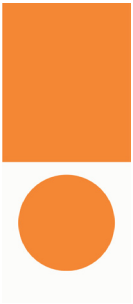


I really like this orange It's quite nice and bright . It's quite nice happy and warm which I think is important especially in England, when it's the winter and if you want to walk into a room and feel a bit warmer .

These colours would be important,

So I think yeah - I'd have a sofa in these colours – I'd paint a wall in these colours. I'd have - kitchen tiles in those colours

Just 'cause they're quite nice and warm and happy.

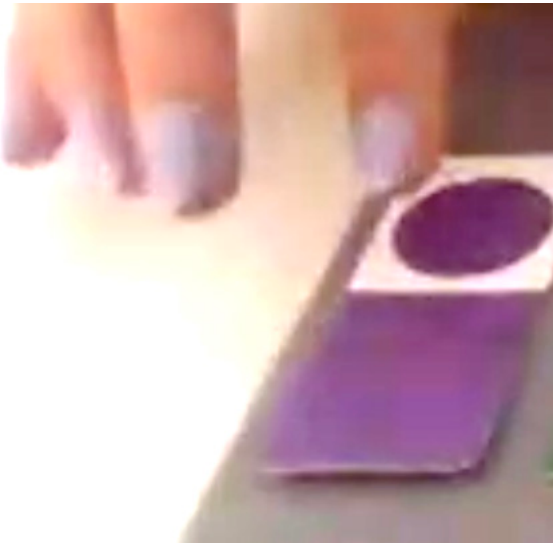


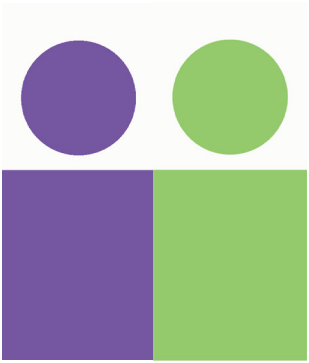
I wouldn't say that I have any like particular attachments to colours from being young.

I guess - there are these - (maybe more like 'reddie') - this kind of colour - these two, that I probably associate with my childhood.

Probably just because there are these fabrics that they make in East Africa called Kikoi fabrics and a lot of them are kind of like striped fabrics. A lot of them have these kinds of colours and nd we had a lot of them around. Actually I have got one here – It's just a piece of fabric Its woven .

They're always quite strong contrast. Actually they have blues as well. I actually was carried in one when I was a baby my Mum. She tied me in one of them when I was younger, and my brother. My Mum brings one around everywhere because it can be a scarf, or a skirt. If she wants to swimming she'll dry herself off with one.

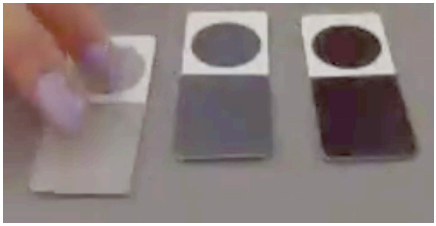


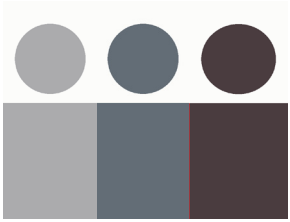


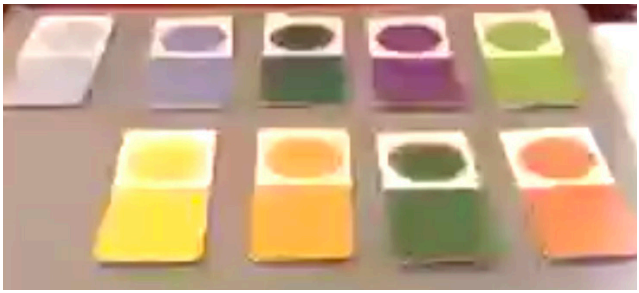
I like this purple but I'd probably have a bit lighter.

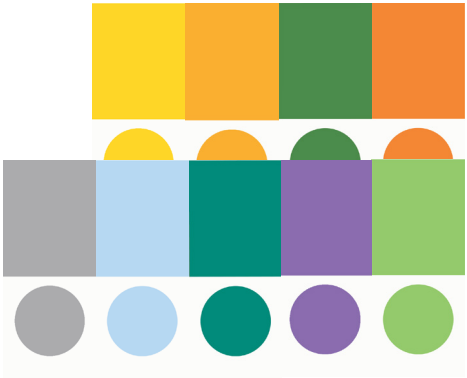
Like my nails actually! Because I have quite a lot of clothes in that colour and I think I'm not very 'pinky' -.I never really liked those shades too much. But I think purple is quite a nice. It's still quite light and slightly girly and happy, so I - do like purple a lot. I think purple cushions are really nice, (and) like a throw? I just think it adds a nice pop of colour and it actually actually goes with quite a lot of colours i'd say. Yeah, so I do like purple.

I wear a lot (of these two colours) together









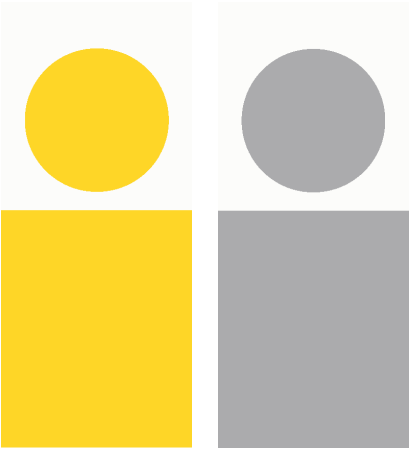
I tried to choose some dark colours

I would definitely think, that the thing with dark colours and kind of bland colours is that you get bored of them less easily. I would. definitely get bored of these colours if I was having to come into them every day.

I tried to choose some dark colours because otherwise, I thought I would have looked like a crazy lady with a collection of crazy colours! (and) I think I would be a bit overwhelmed if I had all of this (bright colours) in a house and and nothing else. I think it would be overwhelming.

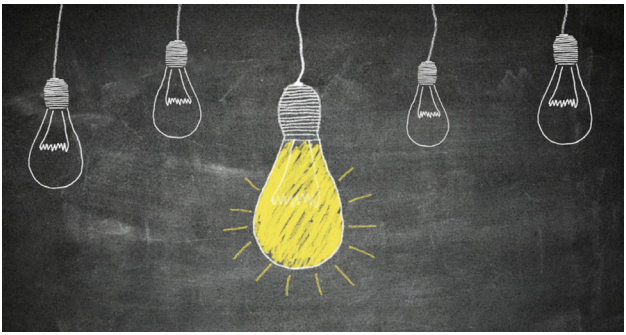
At my family home in London we've got a sofa which is kind of similar to this (grey) colour and I really like it.

We've got two sofas - kind of like armchairs, and they look the same but they're these two colours and their velvety. - The yellow is a bit more mustardy than this one. - They look really, really lovely together and- this (grey) one's got a yellow cushion and this (yellow) one's got this (grey) colour cushion. I really like it, becaus there's this kind of pop of something.



When I was looking at flats in Paris, I saw this one flat- it was quite grey, all of the furnishings were a light grey, and the kettle and some chairs in this yellow and I was obsessed with it.

I would call my Mum and say - I really, really want to live in that yellow (flat) - just because of the seats. It was quite modern furnishing as well. I just really loved how there was - these yellow seats. In the end - I ended up in a flat with red cupboards which I don't like . I was just obsessed with the yellow one.



At my family home in London

Recently we painted one wall in the kitchen in chalkboard and that's really nice, because I feel like it's kind of like a work in progress and anyone can write or draw anything on it - with different coloured chalk

I really like that, and I would definitely - if I could ever live in my own place and decorate it myself, I would definitely do that.

I think it's quite fun to see something different every day - even just the shopping list. I just find it quite funny. Or you can do like a little funny drawing - ?

For my 16th birthday, I went to a restaurant in France, and they painted all of the ceilings in chalkboard. - I think they had - an artist come in and do some really cool drawings in glow in the dark paint. So the lighting in the restaurant was quite dark and there were these amazing drawings in glow in the dark chalk on the (ceilings).

I watched a video about an artist. He doesnt spray his (chalk) drawings - because even though people brush past the walls, he likes seeing the movement in the room. - I thought that was interesting.

I do quite like some wallpapers.

- I think it really depends on the style but I've seen some really cool papers, - line drawings on wallpaper. That would be nice - on one wall.

I saw one actually like this colour on a white. I think it was like tigers drawn on. It was just one big wall - It was a repeat pattern so maybe maybe the pattern was like an A4 sheet (size).

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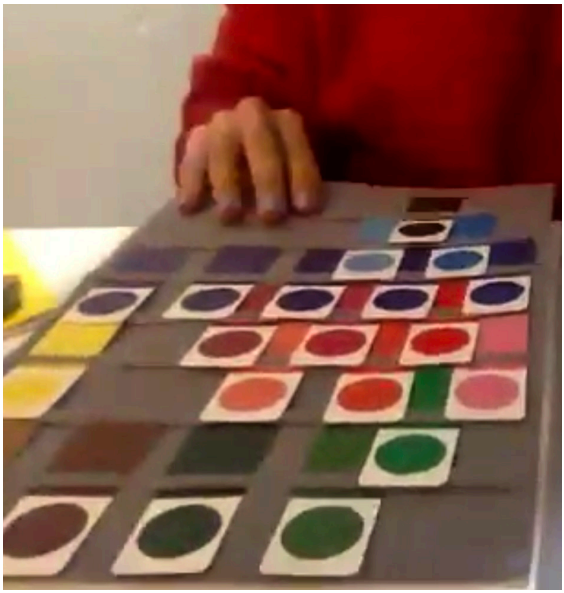
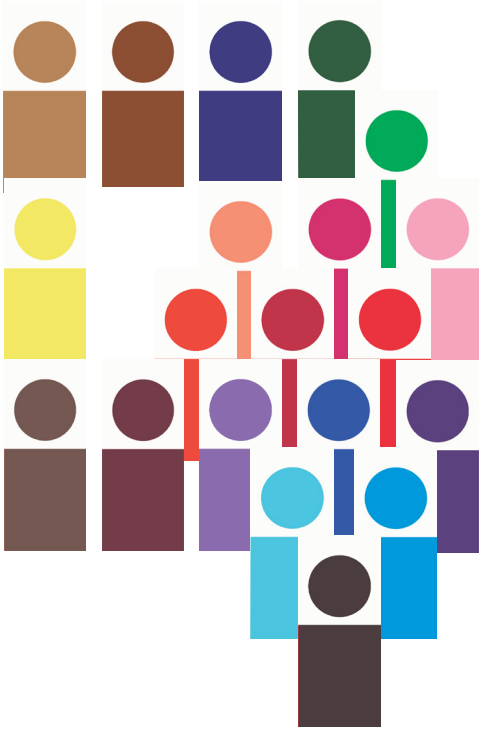
S M E G

You know Smeg? The kitchen appliances brand. They do you know, kettles, fridges - in really, really nice colours and a lot of people are quite drawn to them because, they have reds, they have nice blues . I would pay more for that just because the colour is so nice.

I actually think kettles are kind of (not to the extent of mugs) but I've had conversations with my housemates about kettles. One of my housemates hated this kettle, they just wanted to buy a new one, because they just saw look I don't want to make a cup of tea from this kettle every day. It was like a really plasticky one. and didnt pour very well.

I remember once dad got this kettle which was transparent and it had this like light shining through the bottom. It was really ugly and I really, really disliked it - and he loved it and - I was begging him to buy an new kettle, because - I just hated seeing this like fluorescent light shine through this plastic. I hated seeing it every day actually because I guess if you're making a cup of tea every day it's kind of like the mug- it's part of your routine. So we're seeing this appliance every day, so I do think that it has to be nice.





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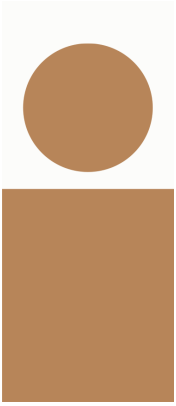

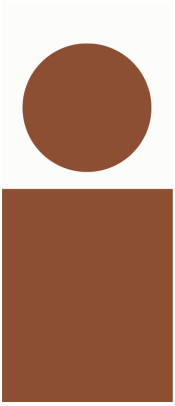

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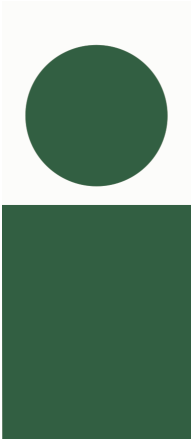
Actually, my Mum wears quite a lot brown.

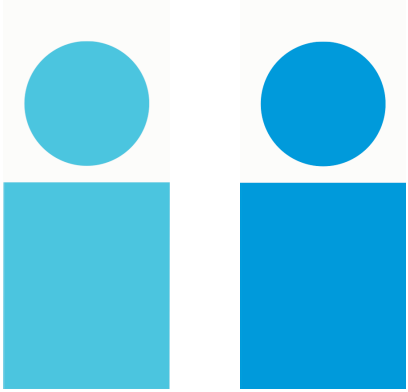
My parents, in Kenya, they have a lot of wooden furniture - which I like - I probably would have like a wooden chest or something. - but I'm not a fan of brown. I don't like it that much

(But) I do like wood, I do, I do.



This is too dark.

I think I would probably opt for black if I were to choose a colour that was so dark. Because I feel as though it would go with less things.



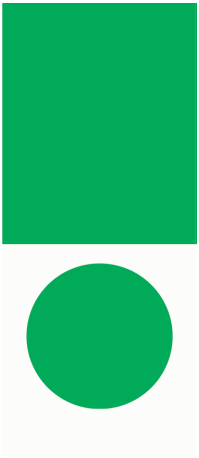
These blues are a bit pungent

In all aspects:

I don’t know how they look on a sofa.

I don’t know how they look as a top with the rest of my clothes.

I don’t know how they’d look on the wall .



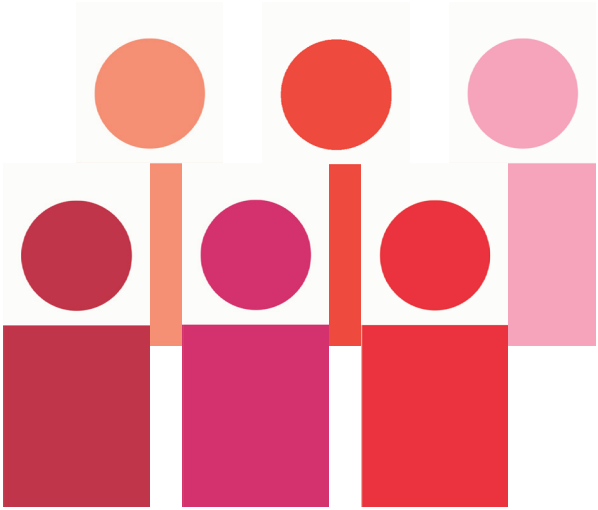
This looks a bit. - clinical I'd say. -

I've seen this shade before - it's like this weird shade of green that kind of reminds me of toothpaste or hospitals.

This yellow I thought is a bit *too* bright.

It's a bit 'highlightery'.

I think it would be a bit overbearing - if I saw this first thing in the morning, my eyes would hurt probably.

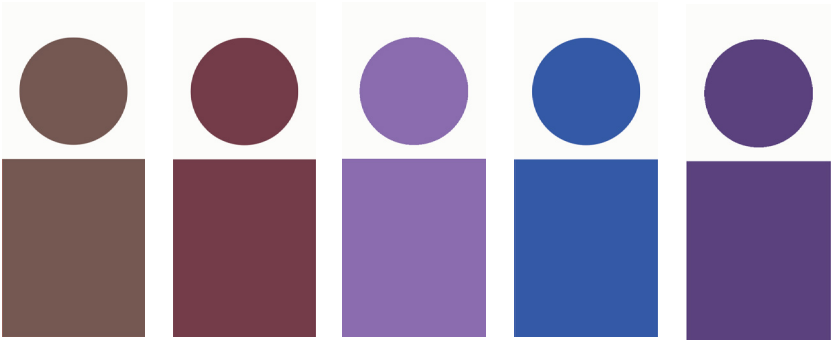


I don’t really like pink that much

This is quite this is quite nice, this orangey pink – salmony (pink) - but - I don’t know if I’d feel at home around it.

I guess red is danger so I don’t know if I’d want it in my house,

maybe on a painting I I’d like a painting, with some splashes of red maybe. But I am not at that stage in my life yet, so..



These are quite dark

Personal Space

First of all I like a lot of light - that's really important

Even though I'm in temporary accommodation, when we first find the house we kind of, I guess, obviously look at the rooms. And you think Oh, I prefer this one, or I prefer this one. We don't choose, we pick out of a hat. But we can swap if, like two people like different rooms.

Initially I did get the downstairs front room, which is really big and has like a really lovely - fireplace (and) mantelpiece. I didn't want to be on the bottom floor because of noise- but also : I didn't want to be on the bottom floor because, I guess my window (in this room) is south facing and (the downstairs room) is on the other side of the house so it's north facing. No sunlight comes into (that side of) the house at all, which makes the room freezing and I really hate being cold.

I also like my window (which) is really big and it's got the view. So instead of like a view on the street - it's got a view of the rooves and our garden. I just preferred the view.

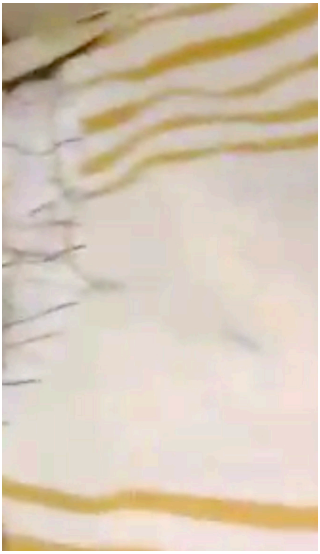
I really like having a bed by window

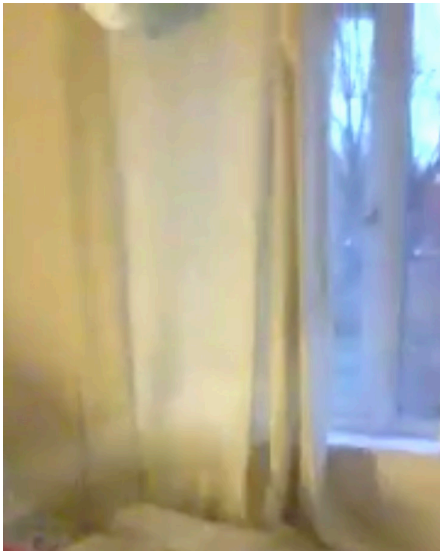
I really like having a bed by window, because I like waking up and just being able to just open my curtains. Especially when it's sunny, I'll open my curtains and I'll kind of like light lay in bed and feel the heat on my legs. I really like that (so) I moved it around.

I really like a window ledge

Because I like putting stuff on it. I've got an air diffuser - a few little stupid things: images, plants. I used to have another frame here but it fell and broke.

Having a shelf is - you can put your own little things on it that everyday remind you of what you like.





I definitely like big cushions and a blanket.

The blues that I like, the yellow that I like.

And curtains. I definitely need blackout curtains which I don't have here. And I hate it because I have to wear an eye mask at night, and it. hurts my eyes. So curtains I feel like are important, I quite like blinds actually. A good colour. Nice and smooth, non-offensive, hassle free and cuts out all the light.

I don't mind carpet on the floor, depending on the colour. This is OK, it's just a neutral colour. I guess I like it because I don't like my feet being cold and I can be barefoot. I definitely would not have tiles that would be the bottom of my list. Wood is OK, but definitely no tiles unless it was under floor heated.

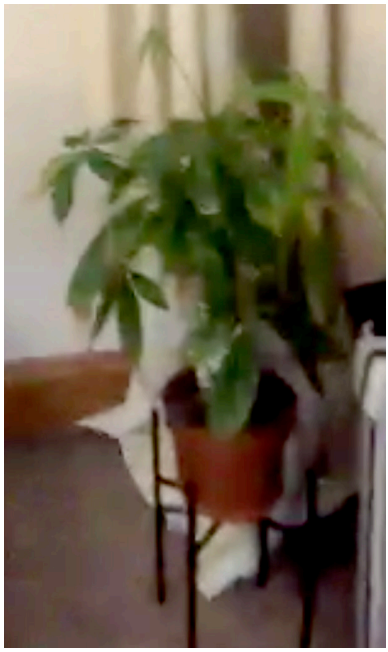
If I've got a desk in my room, (which I probably wouldn't have if I ever had my own place because I like separating work and sleep) but I'm at uni.

I guess if I was in a care home I would definitely want my own private desk because I'd want my own place to kind of write stuff down and read and do whatever.

But I like my desk being by a window as well, because I like seeing the sunlight and I like feeling like I am a bit outside, without feeling too claustrophobic.

I like a lamp on my desk

Actually I bought this in Paris



I like plants (they're not looking too happy at the moment).

It brings a bit of greenery and nature in.

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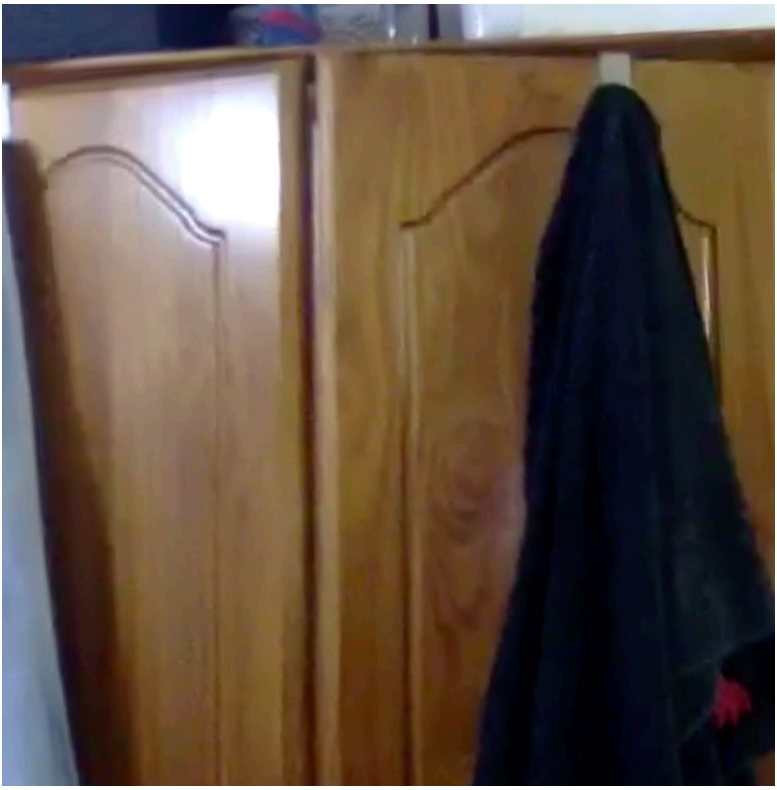
I like my calendar

She's actually an artist from Brighton. She's got different ones they're not all of them are as vulgar (!). Her name is Ugly Ladies - her real name is Jika Edstrom.



I'd probably prefer a modern wardrobe

I like a big wardrobe because I have a lot of clothes. Only because I have quite a big room, it fits, but I would definitely have a fitted wardrobe because then it kind of just fits into the wall and I like that.

Ideally, this would be integrated in a large wardrobe. There'd be a table and then shelves in a modern integrated wardrobe and then there'd be my rails, and they would all be part of that wall - ideally.

Oh, and I have a shoe rack, but I definitely I'd have that integrated into my integrated wardrobe - I don't like having my shoes on display.

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I love my ladder

It's a ladder shelf. I've had it for three years now and it's just great.

I can put my books, my plants, some speakers, more books.

Ideally

I kind of wanted to do this in this room, but I couldn't really find the space. I wanted to have an area with like either loads of big cushions, or - a bean bag and or something with like a little rug, to have like a chill space in my room.

I would like to have a trunk. We have like an old wooden trunk at home and I just think it acts as a really nice table. - I really like it. I know that SH7 has one or two- which I really like. I always think - Aah - I like that trunk.

Because I don't really like hanging out in in my bed- apart from sleeping obviously. But I don't like just sitting in bed. I don't even watch films just sitting in bed. I prefer, - I like removing my sleeping space from everything else I do. - When I work, I have to be away from my bed.

And I would have liked to have had somewhere in my room where I could - I don't know, watch films in my room, or do some drawing, or read a book or something, without being in the communal space.

Because living with seven people (and I assume living in like a care home) is very distracting. People come and talk. I've tried to work in the kitchen and I just can't because people come and talk and - will ask you questions and sometimes you just want to be in your own space.

And that's the same with reading. - If I'm reading or drawing or something, I just kind of want to be like in my own space. So I would have really liked to have done that.

So ideally, that would definitely be something I would have. I definitely will keep on living in - shared houses - (but) I would definitely need somewhere like that to have - my own time but in my in my own room.

But here (it does actually make a difference funny enough) , I put my cushions along the window sill and I sit on my bed, as if it was like a sofa - and I originally wanted to get a projector and projected onto this wall..