**Colourful Curb Appeal: 5 Ways to Add Colour to your Exterior**

Whether you are starting fresh or are simply updating a few things, the first step in building curb appeal for your home is to choose the right colour scheme. When building out this colour scheme, it would be helpful to consider referencing a paint fan deck. This will allow you to first colour match the trim colour found on your windows, then move either two shades up or down on the colour swatch to find your main exterior colour. The same rule applies when using your main colour to locate your trim colour. You can use this colour to repaint your home, or colour match it to a stucco finish or brick. Keep in mind that light colours will make a small home appear larger and darker colours will have the reverse effect.

Once you’ve decided on your colour scheme, there are five main ways you can add colour to your home’s exterior to really make it stand out.

**1. Windows** - PVC windows are popular among homeowners because they are moisture and corrosion resistant and offer affordable, maintenance-free frames and a long life span. Until recently, options for adding colour to PVC window frames have been limited mostly to paint and metal cladding. Paint will chip and fade over time and metal cladding, while durable and attractive, is also quite costly.  For the past 35 years, European homeowners have been adding colour to PVC windows with a durable and cost-effective laminated film. All Weather Windows now offers this same technology with the new Renolit EXOFOL FX colour option for their Apex 9100 series windows. Your PVC windows can now boast a beautiful, bold colour that requires no extra maintenance and is still budget-friendly.

**2. Doors** - Neutral colours are usually your best choice for exterior finishes that are on the pricier side to renovate, but surfaces that can be painted, like your front door, are a great place to add personality with a pop of bright colour. You can easily update the colour with a fresh coat of paint every few years to give your home a fresh new look.

**3. Plants** - Plants are another great way to add a pop of bright colour to your exterior. In the summer, choose flowers in colours that match or complement your front door. In the winter, replace live plants with potted holiday trees decorated in coloured lights and a festive holiday wreath.

**4. Door Mat** - A door mat is a great place to pull your colour scheme together. Look for a door mat that blends the neutral colours of your exterior with the bold colour you choose for your front door to create a chic, streamlined look.

**5. Furniture** - Patio furniture is another great place to add a pop of colour. Porch swings, patio chairs, patio tables and planters are all pieces that add a decorative touch and offer the option of integrating bold colour. A can of Krylon ColorMaster spray paint is all you need to update your colour scheme from season to season!

When considering different colour choices, avoid the rookie mistake of disregarding the colour schemes found throughout your neighbourhood. Your home's exterior should stand out from the rest of the block, yet blend well with the other homes.

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