

DECO 

*Finish
+
Forecast*
2026



A circular architectural detail, possibly a skylight or a decorative opening in a ceiling. The top part is a curved wooden slat ceiling, and the bottom part is a curved concrete base. The sky is visible through the opening.

Finish Forecast 2026

In 2026, design trends are shifting toward comforting, nature-inspired palettes that reflect our collective desire for calm, connection, and sustainability.

DECO 

Experience brings vision

DECO Australia has specialised in advanced powder coat and sublimation finishes for over 20 years, witnessing the growing acceptance of new metal finishing technologies alongside the evolving landscape of colour and design.

From traditional Western Red Cedar windows to contemporary Curly Birch facades, our DecoWood® finishes have complemented a wide range of design palettes over the years.

With high-performance finishes like our Super Durable™ DecoWood® and DecoVogue® ranges, architectural designs not only benefit from exceptional colour durability and longevity, but also the confidence of sustainable finishing solutions.

As design sensibilities lean into grounded elegance and tactile warmth, DECO's premium finishes continue to evoke the authentic essence of natural materials – ensuring harmony with evolving palette trends and a seamless connection to both contemporary and timeless architectural styles.

See how our selection of timber, stone, and textured DECO finishes translate the 2026 colour forecasts into timeless, tactile design.

Gerroa Duplex by Project Twenty17
DecoBatten® QuickClick® 50 x 50mm
DecoWood® Curly Birch



Trends Shaping 2026

Global Industry Outlook

Globally, 2026 is defined by themes of redirection, reconnection, and renewal. WGSN and Coloro's Colour of the Year, Transformative Teal, embodies this mood - a blend of deep blue and aquatic green symbolising adaptability, resilience, and an Earth-first mindset. Pantone's 2026 Colour of the Year, Cloud Dancer, is a lofty, serene white that evokes calm, clarity, and a fresh-start feeling.

Industry leaders such as *Colour Hive* by MIX, echo this movement through their colour directions - JOY, HOLD, DARK, and TASTE - exploring responses to the climate crisis, digital fatigue, and the pursuit of authenticity. From raw, natural finishes to glowing iridescent materials and expressive patterns, these global perspectives highlight a renewed appreciation for purposeful, emotionally driven design.

Across all forecasts, colour and finish trends converge on one idea: nature-inspired tones that nurture emotional connection and sustainable optimism.



Transformative Teal

WGSN + Coloro



Taste

Colour Hive by MIX



Hold



Pantone

Cloud Dancer



Dark



Joy



Dulux Colour Forecast 2026

Based on year-round global research, the Dulux Colour Forecast has been a trusted reference for the Australian design industry and homeowners alike since its inception in 2019, and is now recognised as one of the leading colour forecasts worldwide.

In 2026, Dulux predicts colour will take on a deeply emotional role, offering reassurance, warmth, and calm in response to global uncertainty and digital fatigue.

The three forecast palettes - Ethereal, Elemental, and Evoke - reflect our world in this moment of change. From soft, whimsical pastels to warm golden neutrals and rich, grounding tones, these palettes introduce subtle calmness to balance busy lives.

View the full Dulux Colour Forecast 2026 at dulux.com.au

“Colour has the power to lift spirits, offer emotional reassurance and bring a sense of calm into our homes.”

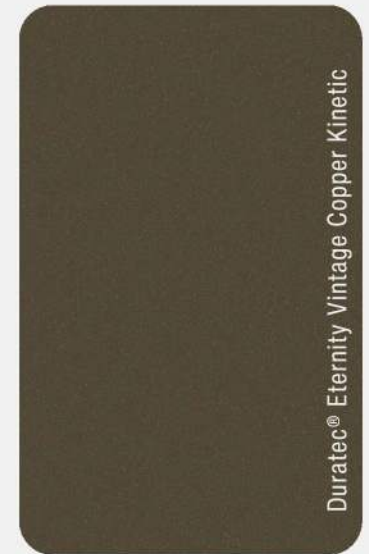
Andrea Lucena-Orr, Dulux’s Colour and Communications Manager



Elemental

The Elemental palette reflects a growing desire for slow living, drawing inspiration from brutalist design principles and the honesty of raw, enduring materials. Grounded and purposeful, this palette harnesses the natural environment, prioritising repairability, durability, and lasting utility over fleeting trends.

DECO's range of DecoVogue® concrete and rust-look finishes plays directly into this palette, complemented by DecoWood® timber finishes such as **Kwila®** and the new **Pewter Ash™**, which soften the palette and introduce natural warmth and texture.



Elemental features the distinctive, textured powdercoat finishes of Duratec® Elements² Granite and Duratec® Elements² Stone, paired with Electro™ Natural Silver Kinetic and Duratec® Eternity Vintage Copper Kinetic to deliver an elevated industrial aesthetic.

Introducing our newest finish **DecoWood® Pewter Ash**, which is a cool, weathered grey finish featuring a soft linear timber grain with subtle knots for a calm, contemporary timber aesthetic.

NEW
DecoWood® Pewter Ash™

Our Forecast *Palette*

Elemental



DecoVogue® **Charcoal Concrete** and Duratec® Eternity Vintage Copper Kinetic ground this palette with depth and texture, while DecoWood® **Wheatfield®** is used to carry natural light through the space.



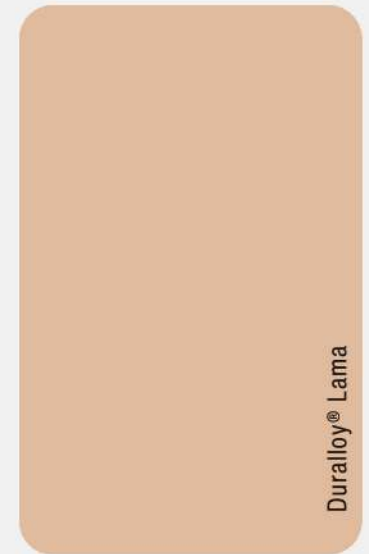
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Evoke

The Evoke palette is playful and emotive, capturing a sense of warm nostalgia; like new beginnings in an older home. Celebrating the resurgence of maximalism and personal expression, Evoke embraces imperfection, layering elements of past and future to create a fresh, eclectic aesthetic.

DecoWood® timber finishes introduce comforting texture and character drawn from past eras. Finishes such as **French Wash** and **Linen Shore®** provide a subtle yet striking contrast, softening the palette while enhancing its nostalgic warmth.

PPG's Industrial
Coatings 2026 Colour of
the Year,
Secret Safari,
brings an eclectic
energy to exterior
spaces.



This powder coat palette features the rich, chocolate-toned depth of Duralloy® Anotec Mid Bronze, accented with Duralloy® Lama and Precious Bright Gold Pearl, alongside the bold yet calming presence of Duralloy® Wedgewood.

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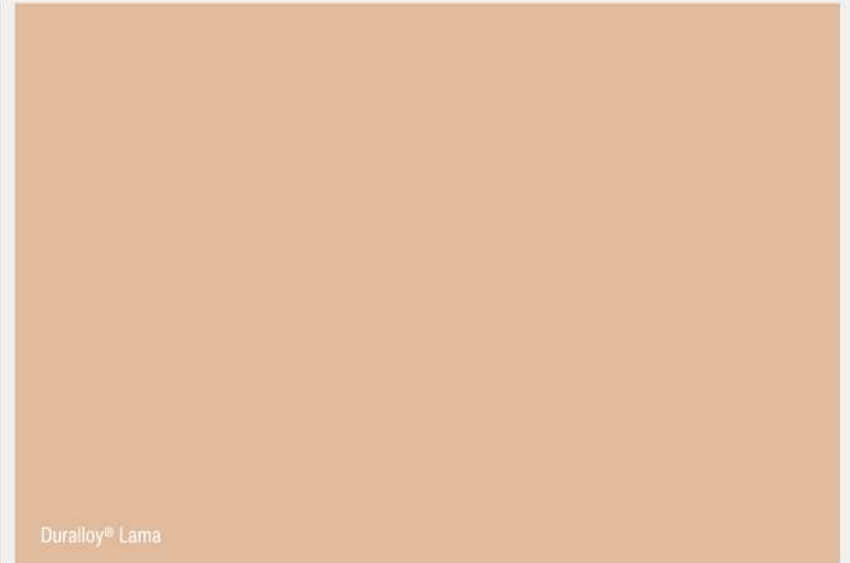
Evoke



Above: DecoClad® V-Groove in DecoWood® French Wash



Duralloy® Anotec Mid Bronze



Duralloy® Lama



DecoWood® French Wash®



DecoWood® Linen Shore®

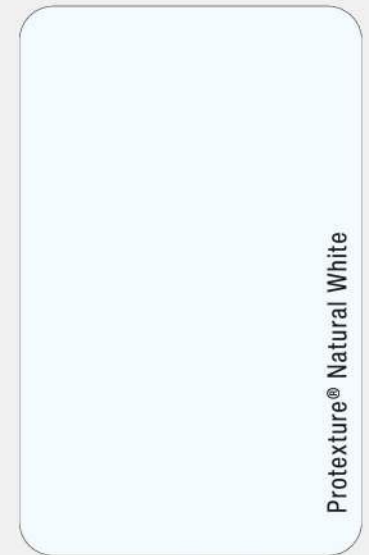
The Duralloy® Lama, Duralloy® Anotec Mid Bronze and **DecoWood® French Wash** pay homage to the retro era, while the **DecoWood® Linen Shore®** brings a timeless element that will withstand future designs and eras.

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Ethereal

The Ethereal palette embraces soft pastels and mid-tone hues, where gentle greens, muted mauves, and lush pinks come together to create a whimsical, playful story of modern escapism. Light-filled and expressive, this palette balances delicacy with depth, offering a calming yet imaginative aesthetic.

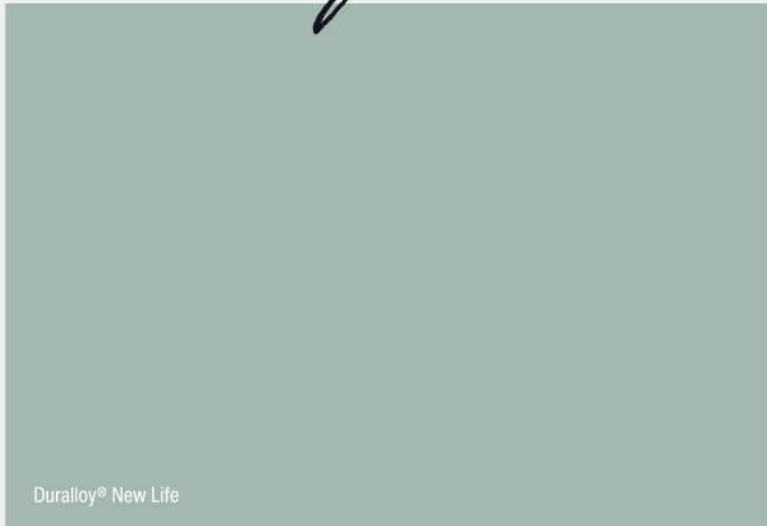
Paired with DecoWood® timber finishes like **Aspen Drift®** and **Barn Oak®**, the palette balances expressive colour with natural texture, creating a calming, contemporary aesthetic grounded in warmth and materiality.



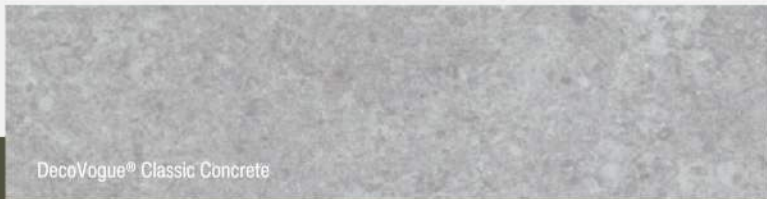
Dulux powder coat finishes within this palette include the tactile elegance of Surreal Effects Mannex® Suede Texture and Duralloy® New Life, complemented by the understated opulence of Electro™ Aged Brass Kinetic and the cleansing warmth of Protecture® Natural White.

Left: DecoBatten® 40mm Series. DecoWood® Aspen Drift®. Project by PTP Carpentry.

Our Forecast *Palette*



Duralloy® New Life



DecoVogue® Classic Concrete



DecoWood® Aspen Drift®

We have paired the bright and expressive Duralloy® New Life with **DecoWood® Aspen Drift®** and **DecoVogue® Classic Concrete** to create a calming coastal palette that feels both contemporary and grounded.

Ethereal



DecoVogue® Classic Concrete

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Our 2026 Palette Picks

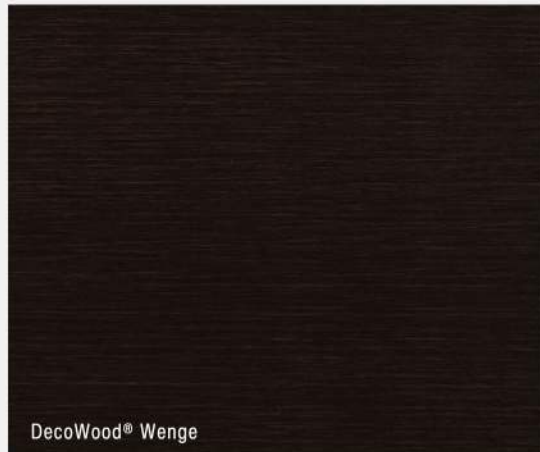
Combining Dulux's 2026 powder coat colour forecast with our curated range of finishes, our team has selected a series of standout palettes that define the year ahead. Each palette brings together colour, texture, and materiality, pairing Dulux's forward-thinking hues with DecoWood® and DecoVogue® finishes to create considered, design-led solutions for contemporary spaces.



DecoWood® Smoked Ash



Surreal® Mannex Suede Texture



DecoWood® Wenge



Duralloy® Paperbark®



Duratec® Zeus® Very Terracotta



DecoVogue® Moroccan Spice



DecoWood® Linen Shore®

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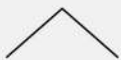
Duratec® Elements Stone



Duralloy® Paperbark®



NEW
DecoWood® Salted Spruce



Introducing **DecoWood® Salted Spruce**, a pale, driftwood-grey with contrasting grain details and tonal variation for a soft, airy, coastal feel.



DecoWood® Dark Mocha



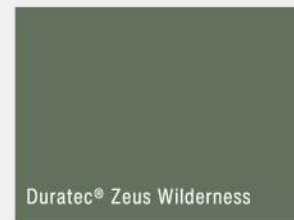
Precious® Bright
Gold Pearl Kinetic®



Duralloy® Wedgewood



Protecture® Surfmist



Duratec® Zeus Wilderness



DecoWood® Chestnut



DecoWood® Coastal Spotted Gum

DECO 
WOOD

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COAT

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VOGUE

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DECO is a licensed Qualicoat Seaside applicator. All DecoWood®, DecoCoat® and DecoVogue™ sublimated powder coat finishes are processed to Qualicoat's international specification for architectural powder coating and undergo extensive testing to ensure premium quality and durability.

**Explore the full DECO finish range at deco.net.au
or order a free sample at deco.net.au/samples**

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FRONT COVER: DecoBattten® Quick Click™ 50x50mm. DecoWood® Curly Birch.

Project by Burleigh Constructions.

BACK COVER : DecoClad® V-Groove 180mm. DecoWood® Curly Birch. Project by Arli Homes.

