



#### FIND YOUR PERFECT MATCH

Choosing the perfect colour scheme for your home's exterior can feel overwhelming. There is so much choice!

With a little help from Teknos, you can discover just the right shade for your new windows, doors, cladding or garden building. Use this guide to find a 'shortlist' of colours that complement your home and its surroundings.



#### WHAT TO CONSIDER

Stand back from your home and take a good look or visualise it in your mind if it is yet to be constructed.





What colours are already on the building e.g. doors, windows, roof, guttering?



What colours surround it e.g. outbuildings, outdoor spaces?





Are there local regulations you need to consider?



Most importantly of all, what are your own colour preferences?

### COLOURS CAN BE DECEPTIVE

Colours in colour cards are matched to the tinted paint in the can. BUT many outside influences can affect how the colour actually looks on a building's exterior.

Colour sample in

the colour card



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Gloss level

Observation distance

The colour that we see

Surroundings

Size and shape of painted area

Lighting

Viewing angle

#### Good to know!

Colour samples in colour cards look darker against the card's white background than without a background.

#### **FIVE TOP TIPS**

- 1. Choose a slightly darker shade from the colour card to get the exterior look you like
- 2. Go for a maximum of three colours on the facade
- You can go for more than three if the building has for example, architectural features you want to emphasize
- 4. To give an impression of height, avoid painting sofits and guttering in feature colours
- . Remember to have enough contrast between colours!



## COLOUR BY COLOUR



The colour in the exterior will seem more blue than in the colour sample

The blue on the exterior will look lighter and more intense than the colour sample

Choose broken blue if you don't want a bright blue look

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Light blue	a broken blue-grey
Blue	a blue-grey



Avoid the strongest, most vivid yellows as a facade colour

Choose yellows that are slightly brownish, they will look a beautiful fresh yellow on the outside

The lightest yellows look almost luminous

If you want	choose
Light yellow	a light beige-yellow
Bright yellow	a pure yellow
Calm yellow	a brownish-yellow



A traditional house colour in the Nordic countries

In the old days, details on red houses were painted grey or yellow-grey

Compared to the colour sample in the colour card, the colour on the facade will seem more intense

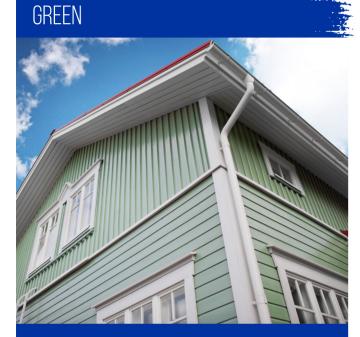
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Red	a reddish-brown
Bright red	a red



## COLOUR BY COLOUR

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The exterior will become bluer and less yellow than the selected green

If the colour sample has only a slight hint of yellowness, the house may appear blue-green

Naturally occurring greens are yellow-green and usually quite dark

If you want	choose
Lighter, cooler shade	a light green
Bluish tinge	a broken green-grey
Calm green	a grey-green



The grey colour on a façade is always lighter and bluer than the colour sample in the colour card

Natural grey is yellow toned

A grey colour lacking 'natural' yellow, is seen as blue

There are no completely neutral shades of grey in nature

If you want	choose
Bluish grey	a neutral grey
Neutral grey	a dirty, muted grey

### BROWN, BEIGE



Beige colours vary a lot depending on the situation - testing in real light is important!

The colour will appear stronger and lighter once on the exterior

Amber will appear more yellow, reddish brown will appear as reddish, greyish browns are calm facade colours

If you want	choose
Lighter, cooler beige	a light beige
Rose	a reddish brown
Warm grey	a greyish brown



### COLOUR BY COLOUR

### WHITE



Whites highlight buildings when against a natural background

White buildings are visible from afar

White as a large surface draws attention

Tinted whites are well suited for exterior colour design

If you want	choose
Warm white	light, warm grey
Bluish white	light, neutral grey

#### **BLACK**



For a black or a dark shade, matt or semi-matt paints work best

### EXTERIOR COATINGS RANGE

Now you've chosen your colour scheme, learn about the Teknos water-borne paints protecting your windows, doors, cladding or garden building.

#### **Topcoats**

Designed to give the perfect finish to your purchase, our topcoats protect and prolong. Whatever the outside throws at them, they keep your chosen colour fresh. All you need to do are your annual maintenance checks to keep things in tip top condition.

- AQUATOP
- DRYWOOD OPTIFINISH
- TEKNOCLAD
- DRYWOOD WOODSTAIN VV

#### **Primers**

Providing a smooth, even surface for painting, our primers ensure strong adhesion for topcoats which enhances the durability of the finish on your purchase.

- AQUAPRIMER
- ANTISTAIN AQUA
- OPTIPRIMER

#### **Wood Preservatives**

For wood that need extra protection from wood damaging fungi and insects, a base layer of preservative is applied before the primer.

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#### ABOUT THIS COLOUR SELECTION GUIDE

The colours in this guide are indicative only. Paint versions of these colours will vary. Always choose the final colour using standard colour cards available from your manufacturer / supplier



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