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Join stylist and tastemaker Steve Cordony for a styling masterclass where he shares key design elements and principles to help you create and hone your design skills.



Exterior Styling with Steve Cordony

A life of design

As Australia's leading interior stylist and tastemaker, Steve's expert eye led to his role as style director-at-large for one of the country's most prestigious homes title – Belle magazine. His knowledge of design is second-to-none. Steve is one of Australia's top 10 interior Instagrammers. Drawn to international design destinations as a constant source of inspiration, Steve's aesthetic blends French detailing with a monochromatic overlay – taking cues from French architecture and 1950s-1960s European design, contemporising it with a classic, yet fashion-forward direction for the modern world. In this masterclass, Steve takes you on a design journey to discover and develop your personal style – whatever that may be.



Where to start

When it comes to dreaming up your next big design move, it's all about understanding the basics. Here are Steve's top four tips for a style success story.



1

Harmony at home

The style of your house and the colours you choose go hand in hand. For example, a Hamptons home lends itself to crisp whites, a contemporary abode might look best in dramatic charcoal and a mid-century manor could lean into earth-inspired hues.

- Skip ahead to page 16 for more home style inspiration and matching products

2

Palette perfection

Colour is a wonderful way of personalising your home. Building on the two or three 'hero' colours that you have selected, keep it simple with the introduction of complementary shades to bring balance, including through soft furnishings and accessories.

- Book a colour consultation at with one of our experts at brickworks.com.au/colour-consultations



3

Natural selection

Crafting a cohesive palette of texture and tone takes consideration, but starting with natural, raw materials is a failsafe way to add depth to a space. Linen, timber, stone or brick will always deliver a subtle richness to any room.

- Try our interactive home style tool at brickworks.com.au/ivisualise

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The magic number

Try the 60/30/10 rule when deciding on where colour goes. The 60 per cent is the main colour, typically designated to walling and flooring, the 30 per cent is a secondary tone that supports the main, and the 10 per cent is the accent shade that serves as a contrast to your two other tones.

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Prefer to keep things neutral or want to luxuriate in bold colour and sumptuous texture? Perfecting your home style is all about the details. Find your inspiration with stylist Steve Cordony's four distinctly curated palettes.

Palettes to Inspire You



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Contemporary Classic

Derived from a seriously contemporary reimagining of classic colour pairings, this iconic interior palette would just as easily lend itself to a modern farmhouse aesthetic as it would a quintessential city terrace. Scalloped brickwork makes a statement while terracotta tones and rich, raw finishes create a symphony of texture accented by pops of bronze and charcoal.



1. Roof	Terracotta Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Curvado in Roja	6. Walls	Brick – Bowral Bricks – Bowral76 in Simmental Silver
2. Roof	Terracotta Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Marseilles in Burnt Ochre	7. Walls	Brick – Nubrik – Nubrik 290 in Chapel Red
3. Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Venetian Glass (Polished) in Smokey Quartz	8. Walls	Brick – Bowral Bricks – Bowral Highlands in Woodlands
4. Walls	Brick – Bowral Bricks – Bowral76 in Chillingham White	9. Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – Breeze Block (Cloud Breeze) in Pottery
5. Walls	Brick – Bowral Bricks – Bowral76 in Limousin Gold		



Urban Escape

A richer take on a monochromatic palette, this mood board suggests elements of inner-city living with a classical edge. The textural shades of charcoal, chocolate and umber, accented by touches of gold and polished concrete, are lifted by the inclusion of statement materials and gentle bursts of green.



1. Roof	Terracotta Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Innova in Cocoa
2. Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Burlesque in Glazed Black
3. Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Burlesque in Majestic Grey
4. Wall	Brick – Austral Bricks – San Selmo Corso (Raw & Textured) in Plave
5. Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Burlesque in Deepening Green

6. Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – La Paloma (Tash) in Azul
7. Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Nelissen in Ypres
8. Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – Kite Breeze in Glazed White
9. Walls	Feature Masonry – Austral Masonry – Architec Polished in Charcoal



Neutral Ground

Embrace elements of the imperfect with this earthy take on understated elegance. The mixed materiality of the layered textures tells a story of warmth and feeling grounded. Tones of terracotta blend seamlessly with decorative accents such as the ornamental block and raw finishes of the selected brickwork. Lush layering of paperbark and wood create an organic direction that takes its style cues from a wabi-sabi sensibility.



1.	Roof	Terracotta Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Planum in Truffle
2.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – San Selmo Corso (Raw) in Arno & Brenta
3.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – La Paloma (Comb) in Miro
4.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – La Paloma (Curved) in Custom Beige
5.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Burlesque in Glazed White

6.	Walls	Brick – Daniel Robertson – Overland (Rugged) in Tarkine
7.	Walls	Feature Product – Austral Bricks – SK1NS in Alento
8.	Walls	Feature Product – Austral Bricks – SK1NS in Chienti
9.	Walls	Feature Product – Austral Bricks – SK1NS in Livenza

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Defining your own home style

Discovering your personal design style can be an overwhelming process. From mid-century modern to coastal cool, there are countless design styles to choose from. Building a world around you, one that suits the way you'd like to live, is all about creating beautiful spaces that sing with personality and warmth. A good starting point for identifying this is to find 10-15 exterior and interior images that you are drawn to. Then, find the commonality between those images. This could be a repetitive colour, texture or general style that will become the blueprint for defining your aesthetic and discovering your design DNA.



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Explore Australia's most popular house styles and discover your design direction with our how-to guide to home exteriors.



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Classic Hamptons





Style: Classic Hamptons

Classic in its architecture and timeless in its aesthetic, Hamptons style crosses the thresholds of coastal and traditional, modern and minimalist, with a touch of glamour. A neutral palette dotted with accents of ocean-inspired hues, warming hints of timber and an abundance of natural light are all at the core of this timeless decorating style.



Get the Look with Steve

“Recreate this enduring style with a palette of neutral textures and clean lines. For a contemporary update, embrace mixed-materiality that both complements and contrasts with the strongest exterior elements.”

Palette: Neutrals

1.	Roof	Concrete Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Light Collection (Classic) in Linen
2.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – San Selmo Smoked in Grey Cashmere
3.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Sculptured Sands (Natural) in Granite
4.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Hamptons in Whitehaven
5.	Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – GB Aspect Honed in Porcelain
6.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – Louvres in Bunbury
7.	Walls	Feature Stone – Austral Bricks – Landmark Stone in San Moritz Fieldstone
8.	Landscape	Paving – UrbanStone – Luxury in Pearl
9.	Landscape	Paving – UrbanStone – Percorsi by Keope in Quartz - Black
10.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Surfmist
11.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Stalagmite
12.	Exterior Paint	Colorbond in Dune
13.	Stain Option	Johnstones in Honey Mustard

Palm Springs Modern





Style: Palm Springs Modern

The iconic calling card of this classic mid-century favourite easily lends itself to the Australian modernist aesthetic. Breeze blocks and statement brickwork invite a subdued palette of mixed materials, clean lines and playful glamour, with pops of bright colour providing a balance of fun and functionality.



Get the Look with Steve

“Breeze Blocks provide screening whilst allowing ventilation and natural light. Get the look and create this style with our Earth or Crimson palettes. Our Colour Consultants can help you to switch out different items within each colour palette to customise this look and align it with your vision.”

Palette: Earth

1.	Roof	Terracotta Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Curvado in Roja
2.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Sculptured Sands (Opaque) in Quartz
3.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Stratos Series in Morning Mist
4.	Walls	Brick – Daniel Robertson – Overland (Pristine) in Huon
5.	Walls	Feature Brick – Austral Bricks – Burlesque in Deepening Green
6.	Walls	Feature Brick – Bowral Bricks – Bowral76 in Simmental Silver
7.	Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – GB Split Face in Pebble
8.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – TN Watermark in Impara
9.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – TN Watermark in Larapinta
10.	Landscape	Paving – UrbanStone – Elegance in Sand
11.	Landscape	Retaining Wall – Austral Masonry – Heron in Limestone
12.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Surf Wax
13.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Shadowed
14.	Exterior Paint	Colorbond in Mangrove
15.	Stain Option	Johnstones in Clear Maple

Industrial Urban





Style: Industrial Urban

While its origins can be traced back to the factory floor, the residential form of this look is about imperfections and raw, textural finishes. Brickwork provides a coarse, textural feature while balancing smooth and intricate detailing with softer finishes provides the play on materiality central to an industrial aesthetic.



Get the Look with Steve

“Our Raven palette is so much more than just shades of grey. Curated with a perfect mix of texture, tone and warming pops of colour, its industrial base is accented by soft statements like Venetian Glass and Circular Breeze Blocks that create substance above starkness.”

Palette: Raven

1.	Roof	Terracotta Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Planum in Turrón
2.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – La Paloma in Azul
3.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Wilderness in Blackbutt
4.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Venetian Glass (Natural) in Arctic Crystal
5.	Walls	Feature Brick – Austral Bricks – Panorama 50 in Night Sky
6.	Walls	Feature Brick – Austral Bricks – Burlesque in Enchanting Yellow
7.	Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – Breeze Block (Circle Breeze) in Nickel
8.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – TN Sandblasted in Charcoal
9.	Landscape	Paving – UrbanStone – Opulence in Ash
10.	Landscape	Retaining Wall – Austral Masonry – Heron in Charcoal
11.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Frosted Ice
12.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Stormy Shadow
13.	Exterior Paint	Colorbond in Basalt
14.	Stain Option	Johnstones in Pebble

Box Modern





Style: Box Modern

Dark, moody and bold or white, bright and tonal finishes make for a crisp contemporary palette that has become increasingly popular within the modern Australian aesthetic. Create a feeling of warmth with textured surfaces in complementary tones for a pleasing palette that enhances that casual vacation feel.



Get the Look with Steve

“Craft a clean, sophisticated design with the Nero Palette - a complementary collection that combines a monotone base with sleek lines and subtle textures aimed at evoking a feeling of overall peace and unity.”

Palette: Nero

1.	Roof	Concrete Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Matte Colour Through Collection (Eton) in Matte Black
2.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – La Paloma in Romero
3.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Panorama in Midnight
4.	Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – GB Honed in Pewter
5.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – XP Linear in Tennant
6.	Landscape	Paving – Bowral Bricks – Hamlet in Ash
7.	Landscape	Retaining Wall – Austral Masonry – Heron in Charcoal
8.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Miss Universe
9.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Black Sea
10.	Exterior Paint	Colorbond in Night Sky
11.	Stain Option	Johnstones in Pebble

Natural Contemporary





Style: Natural Contemporary

Based on a gentle palette of nudes, sand and off-whites, modern Australian builds tend to favour a mix of materials that speak to the surrounding nature. Organic materials like stone and textured surfaces make a quiet statement accented by charcoal elements and natural timbers.



Get the Look with Steve

“Built upon a gentle mix of both honed and tactile finishes, earthy colours and natural colourways, the Rustico palette provides a seamless foundation for recreating this uniquely Australian architectural style, inspired and enlivened by the elements of our rich and varied landscape.”

Palette: Rustico

1.	Roof	Concrete Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Matte Colour Through Collection (Premiere) in Char Brown
2.	Walls	Brick – Bowral Bricks – Bowral Highlands in Bangadilly
3.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Mineral Contours in Mica Grey
4.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – San Selmo Smoked in Grey Cashmere
5.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Metallix in Lithium
6.	Walls	Feature Brick – Austral Bricks – Panorama 50 in Evening Dusk
7.	Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – GB Honed in Porcelain
8.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – TN Glazed in Brilliant White
9.	Landscape	Paving – Bowral Bricks – Hamlet in Blue
10.	Landscape	Paving/Flooring – UrbanStone – Accolade in Golden Tan
11.	Landscape	Retaining Wall – Austral Masonry – Heron in Charcoal
12.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Cloudburst
13.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Phantom Mist
14.	Exterior Paint	Colorbond in Dune
15.	Stain Option	Johnstones in Pebble

Modern Farmhouse





Style: Modern Farmhouse

Rustic, minimal, cosy and modern – this style allows you to highlight a multitude of different elements from exposed brick to timber beams, boards and battens, with an aesthetic that adds instant warmth and character and sets your home up for timeless appeal.



Get the Look with Steve

“The Crimson palette is the ultimate starting point for recreating a warm and inviting modern farmhouse feel with a contemporary designer edge. Terracotta tones, rich browns, deep-textured greys and reclaimed brickwork form the perfect partnership for a rustic retreat.”

Palette: Crimson

1.	Roof	Concrete Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Dark Collection (Artisan) in Earth Red
2.	Roof	Concrete Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Matte Colour Through (Eton) in Matte Black
3.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – San Selmo Reclaimed in Aged Red
4.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Sculptured Sands (Opaque) in Calcite
5.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – La Paloma in Romero
6.	Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – Breeze Block (Cloud Breeze) in Pottery
7.	Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – GB Veneer Sawn Face in Nickel
8.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – TN Smooth in Tanami
9.	Landscape	Paving – UrbanStone – Soul by Keope in Walnut
10.	Landscape	Paving – Austral Bricks – Earth in Firestone Red
11.	Landscape	Retaining Wall – Austral Masonry – Heron in Charcoal
12.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Windspray
13.	Exterior Paint	Colorbond in Monument
14.	Stain Option	Johnstones in Clear Maple

Mediterranean





Style: Mediterranean

This particular style is all about texture and rich, warming neutrals with additions of natural colours like soft sage, terracotta and fawn. A mixture of luxury European aesthetic with a casual Australian ease, contemporary villa style leans into the grandeur without pretension.



Get the Look with Steve

“Transport your senses to the shores of the Mediterranean with the Sand palette – an expertly curated collection of timeless finishes and soft, warming materials that echo its European origins. The Venetian Glass feature brick in Smokey Quartz catches and disperses light in a gentle embrace of its more textured material counterparts.”

Palette: Sand

1.	Roof	Concrete Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Mid Tone Collection (Prestige) in Storm Grey
2.	Walls	Brick – Nubrik – Artisan in Avalanche
3.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Mineral Contours in Mica Grey
4.	Walls	Feature Brick – Austral Bricks – Venetian Glass (Polished) in Smokey Quartz
5.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – Baguette in Tennant/Gibson
6.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – TN Sandblasted in Cream
7.	Landscape	Paving – UrbanStone – Opulence in Pearl
8.	Landscape	Paving – UrbanStone – Opulence in White Ash
9.	Landscape	Paving/Flooring – UrbanStone – Accolade in Cloud Grey
10.	Landscape	Retaining Wall – Austral Masonry – Heron in Limestone
11.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Cotton Sheets
12.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Ponytail
13.	Exterior Paint	Colorbond in Monument

French Provincial





Style: French Provincial

Arguably one of the most enduring interior design styles of all time, the focus on combining beauty and elegance with pastoral, country-style features is paramount to recreating this look and feel for contemporary living. Ornate carvings, mouldings and simple textures by way of soft brickwork, porcelain tiles and natural stone create a rustic sophistication.



Get the Look with Steve

“Create this style with the classic colours and traditional – yet modern – finishes from the Blanco palette – a perfect introduction to the sophisticated look that’s grounded in luxurious detailing like the Blue Ridge Ledgestone and crisp white Bowral 76 brickwork.”

Palette: Blanco

1.	Roof	Concrete Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Light Collection (Classic) in Silver Gum
2.	Roof	Terracotta Roof Tile – Bristle Roofing – Planum in Ghost White
3.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – La Paloma in Castellana
4.	Walls	Brick – Austral Bricks – Hamptons in Whitehaven
5.	Walls	Brick – Bowral Bricks – Bowral76 in Chillingham White
6.	Walls	Feature Brick – Austral Bricks – Panorama in Snowfield
7.	Walls	Feature Masonry – GB Masonry – GB Honed in Porcelain
8.	Walls	Feature Terracade – Terracade – TN Glazed in Brilliant Grey
9.	Walls	Feature Stone – Austral Bricks – Landmark Stone in Blue Ridge Ledgestone
10.	Landscape	Paving – UrbanStone – Luxury in Graphite
11.	Landscape	Paving/Flooring – UrbanStone – Accolade in Ivory White
12.	Landscape	Retaining Wall – Austral Masonry – Heron in Charcoal
13.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Shale Grey
14.	Exterior Paint	Taubmans in Gazebo White
15.	Exterior Paint	Colorbond in Basalt

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