

Make your walls pop with a monochromatic shelving display

Styling Secrets

Forgo standard wall shelves in favour of something more dramatic and interesting: a staggered set of floating shelves, beginning with a wide base and rising up to a narrow top.

For added impact, paint the shelves the same colour as the wall and limit the colour of the products on display to one or two hues.

To carry the eye from shelf to shelf, repeat similar silhouettes (in this case circles). Then, bring the display to life with a miscellany of unexpected items. We opted for products suitable for the kitchen and table; however, when styling a colour story the items on display don't need to be related. Colour displays allow you to show items that wouldn't be brought together in a practical application, but which look wonderful when grouped to tell a colour story. The desired result is an interesting arrangement which speaks to a combination of styles.

Orange globe-shaped candleholders, Accent Imports, 800-263-3551, www.accentimports.ca; Large gold platter, Accents de Ville by Linea, 888-315-4632, www.adv-imports.com; Coffee press and plastic thermos, Bodum, 877-992-6308, www.bodumusa.com; Small dark gold bowl, Candym Enterprises, 800-263-2955, www.candym.com; Kettle, Le Creuset Canada, 866-666-6162, www.lecreuset.com; Orange stemware from Leonardo and tiered platter from Koziol, SBO Distributors, 800-898-7001, www.swissbo.com; Teapot, coffee cup and saucer, and espresso cup and saucer, WWRD, 800-661-8317, www.wwrtd.com

Instead of stacking shelves row upon row, stagger them for instant impact



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Building Blocks

The backbone of this display is floating shelves painted to match the wall, but it's the pattern, colour and texture of the products that brings it to life



Monochromatic melody

A display based on colour makes a big impact when the majority of products are solid shades Kettle, \$99.95 retail, Delonghi Canada, 888-335-6644, www.delonghicanada.com



Shimmer

Use texture (and limited patterns) to add dimension to colour-based displays Platter, \$50 retail, Accents de Ville by Linea, 888-315-4632, www.adv-imports.com



Pattern

Add interest to colour displays with one or two patterns in complementary hues Espresso cup, \$38 retail, WWRD, 800-661-8317, www.wwrtd.com