



Shhh! The pros won't like it but we are exposing some insider information and letting you in on interior design secrets you never knew.

Add these 3 secrets into your repertoire of interior design go-tos for a sure-fire way to impress your clients and make a name for yourself in the industry.

Colour

Want the winning formula to create the perfect colour scheme for your client's interior? For harmonious and balanced spaces, professional interior designers work on a 60/30/10 method.

- 60% allocated for the dominant colour of the room; usually the walls.
- 30% applied for the secondary colour such as the upholstery.
- 10% for the accent colour for accessories including pillows, throws or vases.

Secret tip: Incorporating this theory with the 80/20 rule will bring your room to life – 80% composed functionality and 20% bold and crazy – anything goes!

Mirrors

It's no secret that mirrors have been used to accentuate interiors for as long as they've been invented but how do you really get the most out of these functional features? Correctly positioning a mirror opposite a window can amplify light and space. This also allows the outdoors to come indoors reflecting gardens and greens.

Secret tip: The perfect height for hanging a mirror is 145cm, being the most functional level for most.

Ceilings

Often painted a bland white, ceilings are the forgotten feature in a room when, in reality, quality interior designers treat them as the fifth wall. By adding a complementary colour, texture or pattern to this space you have the ability to add height and a perception of depth as well as reflect light.

Secret tip: The possibilities to add character and a uniqueness to a room by looking up at the ceiling are really endless –mirrors, wallpaper, expose wooden beams, floating panels, tiles or stencils; the only limit is really your imagination...and budget.