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Men can be more flexible when making decorating decisions

Work through styles for an original colour palette

IT is no surprise that men and women have different perspectives when deciding on the purchase or design of a new home.

But it is interesting to know where and how they differ.

Interior design consultant Yvette Edwards said men were not concerned about the exterior look of a new home.

"Men are also not fussed about interior wall colour, while it is a critical decision for women," she said.

Ms Edwards said she worked with a couple who recently moved into a new home.

"The wife initially rejected the display home because she didn't like the facade," she said.

"But when she finally went inside and saw the styling and

Men and woman have different ideas when it comes to decorating a home

colours, she was won over." With more than 11 years of experience in interior design and colour consultancy, Ms Edwards consults for Palladio Homes at its showroom at Upper Coomera.

She said women didn't tend to study workmanship when viewing the company's display homes.

"On the other hand, men will open up everything and study how shelves are finished," she said.

"Women usually have very fixed ideas about certain things they want.

"So it is a matter of working through their initial ideas and

styles and bringing together the right palette.

"Men can be more flexible and easier to deal with. If it is not exactly that shade of green or cream, so be it. They will compromise more quickly."

Ms Edwards has built her own home, so she said she knew what clients went through with the process.

"Mine was a real hands-on experience," she said.

"I got in and painted, rendered and tiled, as well as working as my own interior and exterior design consultant."

Today, Ms Edwards concen-

trates on helping others achieve their dream home.

"Clients need to love the end result," she said.

"They want to feel a thrill as they arrive home each day, see the home in the street and step inside a home that feels and looks just right."

Ms Edwards said part of the business's service was to provide a free consultation for clients in the showroom where they can make important lifestyle decisions.

"It can be a very stressful time for a couple," she said.

"My job is to provide a relaxed, even light-hearted environment.

"It is great when we can end a consultation with the couple leaving excited about their future."