



Bridget Riley
Venice and Beyond
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Alongside over 30 full-colour illustrations, an essay by Paul Moorhouse explores how the adoption of colour informs developments throughout Riley’s ensuing career.

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