

Easy tips for SELECTING YOUR WALL COLORS



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Designer Tips for Selecting Paint Colors:

1. Palette—Start with a reference piece that has most of your colors—from a pillow fabric to a piece of art, or lamp. For your neutral background color, hold your paint deck to the piece and pull out the most probable color. It does not have to be exact. If you are adding a feature color, again select the color from the accent piece and match to your paint deck.

2. Lighting—I recommend having your designer or paint store order poster-sized paint samples. Gone are the days of putting pints of paint on the walls. Now you can tape the paint poster to several areas. Notice how the wall color changes from daytime to night, and in different areas of the room. This tip will determine which paint color you prefer. Wall colors will always change with different lighting.

3. Greige—If you are going with grey tones, I recommend using a greige color in large open spaces. This color comes from mixing grey and beige, which feels soothing and warm. One of my favorites is Benjamin Moore Revere Pewter HC-172.

4. Finally, be brave and have fun! Always select accessories that you love. The art of great Interior Design is, “There are no rules today. The only important aspect is your Intention of the feeling you want to create.”

The photo shown is from a previous client. We added a feature blue to complement the art and create a layered effect. Since we selected motorized Silhouette® Window Shadings by Hunter

Douglas, we created soft side panels in the wall color, banded in the bedding accent fabric. The completion harmonized and balanced the sitting area of this master suite.

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