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COLOR, SET
A MOOD**

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TRENDS**



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plus HOST A FUN AND CASUAL EASTER BRUNCH

IN THE MOOD FOR COLOR

When you walk into your home, do you want to feel calm? Uplifted? Confident? Color—more than any other factor—establishes the mood of a room. Expert advice helps you use color to give every space in your home that just-right feel.

WALL SIMILAR TO IN THE MOMENT 718-15 BEHR

CEILING COLOR
Whether your room is lofty or modest, a white ceiling is soothing when the tone is consistent with the rest of the space. London-based Dyer Grimes architects used white with blue undertones to unite this bedroom's cool palette.

COOL + SERENE

If tranquility is your priority, whitewashed colors will help you find your Zen. Make it whisper-quiet, but never dull, using soft, chalky hues that are close in value so none vie for attention. Color consultant Kate Smith says the best rooms for decompressing are the ones that peacefully blend tints, tones, and shades of a few desaturated colors. Incorporate a range of textures so it's even more comforting. "You need the softness of drapes, rugs, and throws to add warmth," says interior designer Tom Delavan.

Texture keeps a cool room from feeling cold. Silky fabrics mixed with nubby ones enrich Tom Delavan's neutral living room.

WALL
SNOWBOUND
SW 7004
SHERWIN-
WILLIAMS



CALMING HUES

Cool colors softened with gray undertones are the most restful.



PARMA GRAY
27
Farrow & Ball



WHISPERING SPRING
2136-70
Benjamin Moore



SILVER SATIN
OC-26
Benjamin Moore



CRUSHED ICE
SW 7647
Sherwin-Williams



ELLIE
Portola

GET THE LOOK

Soft edges encourage relaxation. Choose furnishings with curvaceous silhouettes and diaphanous fabrics united by a calming tone.



KEEP IT LIGHT
Airiness is refreshing. Look for paper-thin lampshades that almost blend with the ceiling. Maxim Cocoon, \$198; lampsplus.com



BLUR THE LINES
Lightweight linen curtains soften window frame edges. Shadow, from \$169 per panel; madurahome.com



LOOSEN UP
Casual slipcovers encourage lounging. Färlöv armchair, \$399; ikea.com

PHOTOS: (OPPOSITE) JACK HOBHOUSE, (ROOM, THIS PAGE) ANNIE SCHLECHTER

HAPPY + ENERGETIC

For an upbeat room that enlivens your senses—and neutral furniture—look to complementary colors, which contribute a natural energy when paired. Choose pure hues that haven't been shaded with black for extra zing. "They are the brightest and cheeriest and project joy," says Sue Wadden, director of color marketing at Sherwin-Williams. They may not all seem to go together, but if you repeat the colors around the room it gives them continuity and they start to harmonize.



Cushions in a look-at-me color give traditional chairs a jolt in a Jeffrey Bilhuber dining room.

CANDY COLORS

Bright colors jibe when they have the same value (amount of white or black).



LUCKY YOU
Portola



VIVID VIOLET
DE5012
Dunn-Edwards



HEART'S DESIRE
OL602.6
Olympic



POSEIDON
SW 6762
Sherwin-Williams



ST GILES BLUE
280
Farrow & Ball

GET THE LOOK

High-intensity rooms are surprisingly easy to pull off with a few key elements.

PICK YOUR MUSE

Set the palette with a multicolor anchor piece. Surya Konya KON10-11, \$165 (52"x7'6"); hayneedle.com



COLOR BLOCK IT
Pull vibrant hues from the palette onto furniture in solid colors. Milo bench, \$175; onekingslane.com



TONE IT DOWN
Tame riotous color with natural wood. Sawyer Side Table, \$299; potterybarnkids.com

PHOTOS: (ROOM, THIS PAGE) CHICHI UBINA, (OPPOSITE) MANOLO YLLERA

WALL
SIMILAR TO
TUNSGATE
GREEN 250
FARROW & BALL



SUBDUED COLORS ON THE WALLS AND FLOOR KEEP THINGS FROM FEELING CHAOTIC.



FLOOR
SIMILAR TO
QUIET RAIN
50BG 64/028
GLIDDEN

Stylist Martin Bourne established this palette with furniture and accessories rather than with paint.



CONTRAST
For intensity, interior designer Miles Redd champions bold juxtapositions: dark with light, matte with shiny, old with new. "Tension of disparate elements makes a room feel exciting," he says. Here bright yellow art shakes up green-and-blue decor.

WALLPAPER SIMILAR TO CANDID MOMENT GP5906 YORKWALL.COM

PAINTING THE LEGS OF AN OLD SOFA WHITE EMPHASIZES DETAILS AND BRINGS IT UP TO DATE.

PHOTOS: (ROOM, THIS PAGE) BRITTANY AMBRIDGE, (OPPOSITE) LUCAS ALLEN

GLAM+ DRAMATIC

As riveting as a red-carpet gown, rich colors in touchable fabrics create an enveloping experience. For maximum saturation, Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, suggests sticking to two or three gemstone hues, such as emerald and sapphire. Then break it up with a light neutral to make the colors pop. Layer on accents that shimmer and shine—like jewelry for the room. "You want it to have a little flamboyance and sparkle," she says.



Deep blue walls and drapes have a sultry cocooning effect in this room by designer Jeremiah Brent.

WALL SIMILAR TO SALTY DOG SW 9177 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

JEWEL TONES

Like precious stones, these deeply saturated hues radiate intensity.



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Farrow & Ball



VELVET RED
3-17
Pratt & Lambert



ANIMATION
PPG 1159-6
PPG



EXQUISITE EMERALD
P420-6 Behr



CHROME GREEN
PM-10
Benjamin Moore

GET THE LOOK

Up the glam factor with luxe-looking materials in saturated colors, plus metallic accents.

ADD SHEEN
Pillows in shiny fabric look opulent. Greek Key Embroidered Pillow in Melon (22"x22"), \$79; williams-sonoma.com



GET GLITZY
Shimmery acrylic and gold exude indulgence. Murano Tables, \$300 (set of two); zgallerie.com



GIVE IT FLAIR
Tufted velvet gets even swankier with brass legs. Opalhouse, \$270 (available April 8); target.com



HOW THE PROS USE COLOR

Paint, tile, wallpaper—interior designers have an arsenal of tools for adding mood to a room. Their priority? Making you smile when you walk through the door. Here, their tips for achieving big emotional payoffs at home.



“WE ALWAYS TRY TO INCORPORATE A SENSE OF TIMELESSNESS, EVEN IN A CONTEMPORARY SPACE. THESE BLUE-AND-WHITE TILES FEEL AS IF THEY’VE BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME. AND THERE’S AN ELEMENT OF COMFORT IN THAT.”

TODD NICKEY OF NICKEY AND KEHOE

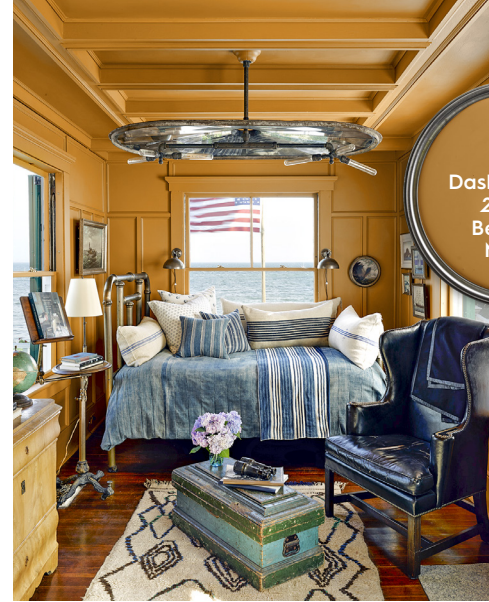
Tile, left, from top: Cemento Ellis Sunset, \$10/tile; homedepot.com; Cluny 888 D, \$7/tile; granadatile.com; Talavera, \$7/tile; tileshop.com



Lookout Point
1646
Benjamin
Moore

“A soft blue can be especially wonderful in a smaller home or apartment because it brings the outdoors in and creates a breezy, open feeling.”

CECE BARFIELD



Dash of Curry
2159-10
Benjamin
Moore

“This color feels invigorating when the morning sun streams in—a perfect place to gather with coffee and the morning paper. But it also creates a cozy spot to nestle by the evening fire with a good book.”

KEN FULK



“FINE PAINTS OF EUROPE MAKES A HIGH-GLOSS THAT IS FANTASTIC. IT’S SUPER SHINY AND INSTANTLY MAKES A ROOM FEEL MORE GLAMOROUS.”

CHRISTINA MURPHY FINEPAINTSOFEUROPE.COM



“I BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE EASIEST WAYS TO EVOKE A PARTICULAR MOOD OR CREATE IMPACT IN A SPACE IS WITH A POWERFUL WALLCOVERING. IT’S A SIMPLE WAY TO COMMUNICATE A SERIOUS WOW!”

COREY DAMEN JENKINS



Piccadilly wallpaper in Teal by Cole & Son, double roll \$127; wallpaperdirect.com



“We love Melted Ice Cream by Benjamin Moore. It’s a dusty take on millennial pink, perfect for a dining room. It’s fun and festive, but the desaturation of the shade makes it feel sophisticated.”

CONSORT DESIGN

PHOTOS: (ROOM) MARIKO REED, (TILE) MARTY BALDWIN

PHOTOS: (KEN FULK ROOM) DOUGLAS FRIEDMAN, (PORTRAITS, FROM TOP) WERNER STRAUBE, JOHN BESSLER, CARE OF CONSORT DESIGN, (CONSORT ROOM) CHRIS PATEY