

Easy Color Picker Worksheet

How To Select A Paint Color

Step 1:

Look around your room and take note of the finishes you're already working with. Pay attention to your floor rugs, your chair's fabric, sofa, pillows, artwork, countertops and flooring. Examine the colors and tones of these objects and get a sense of what they all have in common.

Step 2:

You will start to see similarities and common tones such as grays, yellows, beiges, or pink tones. Let those hues guide you, or as I like to say: "let your hues be your cues." Focusing on just a few tones will help narrow down tremendously.

Step 3:

Ask yourself if you prefer a bold or subtle palette. There are many projects where I want the space to feel subtle with grey, beige, white or cream tones in the background. However, I have just as many projects where I want a distinct color on the walls such as deep blue, red, greens and even black. So look at your space and decide what is right for you.

Step 4:

After you decide on the saturation or depth of color, it's time to think about how you want to use color to enhance your room: monochromatic or contrasting.

Step 5:

How to achieve a monochromatic look: If you're using beige, you could select a lighter beige, or a darker richer deeper beige or even brown. The key is to choose a color that is still in the same color palette.

Step 6:

How to achieve a contrasting look: If you're working with beige tones, you can use a contrasting color such as a deep red, burgundy or even black. Take cues from your hues to decide which contrasting color to pull from. When you start examining your décor you'll see that you probably have certain secondary colors that appear over and over again. Use those tones to help guide you in selecting a contrasting color.

Doing this simple exercise will take the guesswork out of selecting the right color for your space so you can quickly and easily create the space of your dreams!