



Advice on selecting paint colors

Selecting paint colors for your next project is something that many people dread because they're afraid of making a costly mistake by selecting the wrong color and either having to repaint, or live with something they don't love. This guide will walk you through the steps to ensure that your next painting project turns out right the first time.

#1 - PICK YOUR PALETTE

Choose the colors you want based on furniture or artwork you want to use in the room, or find ready-made color inspiration by searching on Pinterest. Get small samples from the paint store and bring them home to see them in your space. You will quickly be able to eliminate most of them. When in doubt you can always call in a professional to do a color consultation to assist.

#2 - USE LARGE SAMPLES

Once you narrow it down to your top 3-5 color choices, get larger samples either from an interior designer (like me), or purchase the sample size paint pots and make large samples on poster board. Be sure to have 2 samples of each color you're considering.

#3 - WATCH FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS

Hang your samples up in the room on at least 2 walls. Watch your samples for at least 24 hours, being sure to check them out in all of the different lighting situations throughout the day - both natural and artificial. Keep in mind, your lightbulb choice will also have a noticeable impact on the colors,



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Paint color selection worksheet

Use this sheet to track the colors you end up choosing for your project, so you don't make mistakes at the paint store, or in communicating with your chosen painting professional. Use name and number, or even tape your sample here.

BRAND OF PAINT	SHEEN
PRIMARY COLOR	SPECIAL NOTES/LOCATIONS:
ACCENT COLOR	
TRIM COLOR	
DOOR COLOR	

*Don't forget your supplies: brushes, rollers/roller heads, trays, dropcloths, painter's tape, stir sticks, and that little funny can-opener! Also, be sure to always work in a well-ventilated space, be safe on ladders, and take breaks.



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