

The Perfect Colors ...



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It's always difficult to determine the perfect color to choose when painting a room. Sometimes, there are so many choices that it can be overwhelming. If you ventured into your local paint supply store, there would be several manufacturers and each of them would have many different variations of the same color. I bet some of you wish you could just close your eyes, take a dart and throw it! Wherever the dart landed... that would be "your" color!!

Before this drives you a little crazy, you might want to a few tips to help you out:

1. What is the exposure of the room? If the room faces north and it happens to feel cold, especially in the winter, you might have second thoughts about using a "cool" color, such as blue; or other colors that have grey or blue in it. If blue is your favorite color and you cannot live without it, be sure to add some warm colors as accents; in pillows for instance.

2. Who is using the particular room you are painting? If a child is in that room 90% of the time, then the color chosen will be very different than a room used by adults. If it is a child's room, please have your child be involved in the decision, if possible. Everyone will be much happier.

3. What is the function of the room? Is that room used to socialize? Sleep? You would want a room for sleeping, or relaxing, to have a calming effect. Where you socialize could have a color that is stimulating. If you do not like to change the look of your surroundings often, the vibrant colors could come from your accessories and the color for the walls could stay a neutral.

4. What is the color and finish on the floor? The paint color should complement the flooring.

The color you choose will appear to be different on each wall of the room, due to the lighting. Also, the color will change depending on the time of day. Buy a small quantity of your paint color, with about 2-3 pieces of oak tag. Paint the oak tag with the paint; and when dry, either hang or lean, the pieces on the walls of the room, to be painted. This will help you decide if it's the right color for your room.

Hope this helps, and happy painting!

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