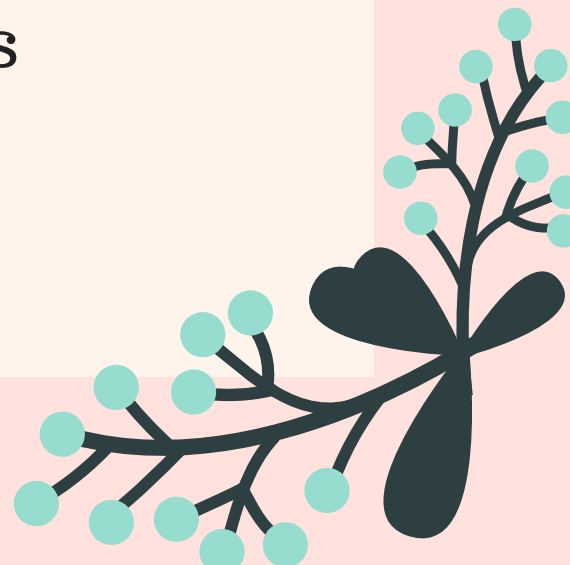# Tips and Tricks for Selecting Paint Colors for Your Home

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Let's get started

Most of our clients come to us stressed about selecting paint colors; they feel stuck and typically come to us after already making several mistakes and hating the colors they selected. Others, spend hundreds on hiring a painter and selecting a color they don't like and wind up having to pay for a repainting. With a little help from us, we can save you a lot of trouble and a lot of money.

One of the most frequent questions we are asked at Lavender Fields is "How do I select a color for a room or a palette for my entire house?" A palette is a set of colors that will work together, especially with open concept kitchens and large open spaces. We understand that picking just one paint color can be difficult and sometimes, an arduous task.

We created this guide to help make the process not only fun but definitely less stressful (or hopefully not stressful at all!) If your task is to select a paint color for one room or your entire home this step-by-step plan will give you the insight you need to tackle your project.

step 1

Look for inspiration in colors that make you happy and leave you feeling good. Inspiration can be found in an item in your home that you love, a piece of fabric, or even a turn to nature for influence like the color of an autumn leaf or the soft color of a shell on the beach.

You can also ask yourself "How do I want my room or home to feel?" Do you want your home to feel calm and serene? Are you looking to create a room lively with lots of contrast? Is your room lacking natural light or is it too bright?

If you are looking to create a palette for an entire floor of your home, start by picking a color for the central room in your home. Your central room will most likely be your living room or kitchen, and this will be a great place to start working on your whole-house palette.

If picking colors still have you stressing out, choosing a soft, neutral hue for the main room will make picking the other colors easier. (And you really can't go wrong with white. You can select different shades of white to create a nice contrast.)

step 2

If you are picking a color for one room you can skip this step and go right to step 3.

If you are picking a palette for several rooms or an entire floor of your home keep on reading....

Once your main color is selected, the process gets really easy. Once you pick a color for the main room, for a smooth transition between spaces you can paint the adjacent spaces two shades away, lighter or darker, using tones from the same color chip.

With your paint color sheet in hand, walk through your rooms and see if you are drawn to go a shade lighter or darker and pay attention to the natural light that may or may not be coming into the room. Natural light can really help you make your decision and depending on what your space offers, you can decide if you would like to lighten things up or make the room a bit darker and cozier.

step 3

Test your potential palette. As you narrow down your color choices and think you may have some winners, bring home test pots of paint. Sample cards, even the big ones, can be deceptive and the last thing you would want to do is paint an entire wall or room and hate the color.

If you are having difficulty seeing how the rooms will look once painted, pick up a white poster board and paint swatches of the colors next to each other -this way you can visually see if they will work together; hang the paper on a wall and take some time to look at the colors before making your decision. We hope this little guide makes it easy for you to select a paint palette you will love.

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