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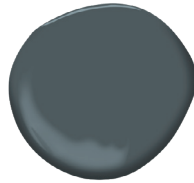
We asked five local designers to divulge their favorite, tried-and-true neutral paint colors and the bold hues they just can't wait to use. We bet you'll find at least one to love.

GO-TO NEUTRAL

DESIGNER

WILD CARD

- 1 Lead Gray, Benjamin Moore**
"It's that perfectly ambiguous color that lends itself to blacks, charcoals, and navy, and is a striking offset to fresh whites and even bold colors."



Cassy Kicklighter Poole,
Kaleidoscope Design



Rectory Red No. 217, Farrow & Ball
"It's reminiscent of all things classic—roses, fire engines, the iconic red doors of architecture and red lips of fashion—while also maintaining warmth and sophistication."

- 2 Revere Pewter, Benjamin Moore**
"This is my favorite neutral. It is a warm gray, balancing any colors in accessories and furnishings in a room. It reads somewhere between a gray and taupe and is perfection!"



Lauren Maggio,
Lauren Maggio Design

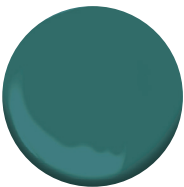


Bull's Eye Red, Benjamin Moore
"I was recently in New Orleans, and I came across a vibrant red door. I used Benjamin Moore's Color Capture app to try to match it, and this color came up. Always buy samples to get the best match, but using an app is a great start!"

- 3 Down Pipe No. 26, Farrow & Ball**
"I love colors that make me ask, 'Is it blue, or black, or gray?' This one is fantastic for a room in which you are looking to create drama and depth. I'd use it on a kitchen island with a butcher-block countertop."



Nancy Boland,
Boland Lord Design



Vardo No. 288, Farrow & Ball
"I would use this color on an old cabinet or a custom secretary desk in a high-lacquer finish, or on the inside of a bookshelf."

- 4 Pale Oak, Benjamin Moore**
"It's off-white and soft, but it has a little bit of depth to it so you can see the contrast against white trim. It would be lovely in a great room, kitchen, or living room."



Nadia Watts,
Nadia Watts Interior Design



Sunflower, Benjamin Moore
"We used this color in a lower-level guest bedroom recently. It was spectacular and made us so happy."

- 5 Anew, Sherwin-Williams**
"This color is a blend of taupe and gray, so it has some warmth. Some taupes can get a purple or green undertone, but this one has the warmth without a strong undertone—a true neutral."



Tennille Wood,
Beautiful Habitat Design & Decoration



Lagoon, Sherwin-Williams
"It blends my favorite colors: turquoise and emerald. I love emerald green, but the yellow undertones make it hard to use in certain rooms. The addition of blue makes this a beautiful color regardless of the light in a room."