
SOME SUGGESTIONS WHEN WORKING WITH COLOR

One of the most important decisions our Design Gallery Coordinator helps a homeowner make is which color palette to use in their new home. One thing to remember is that good color doesn't cost any more than bad color. So, it all depends on choosing the RIGHT color.

A neutral palette for your home is best in the long run. Unimposing colors offer a timeless backdrop for any patterns and accent colors you want to incorporate in your furnishings. Unless you're skilled, don't get too ambitious with textures and accents. Keep it simple, fresh, and streamlined.

- If you're set on having vibrant, bold colors in your home, consider using fabric. Fabrics can be changed more easily than flooring, cabinetry, or paint.
- Pale or cool colors can make a room appear larger than it is by creating the illusion that the walls are farther apart.
- Warm colors are alive and cheerful. They add to the impression that objects are closer together. When warm colors are used correctly, the result is an intimate, cozy atmosphere.
- Contrasting colors can draw attention to an object or an area. If you have a piece of furniture you want to highlight, consider an accent wall in a complementary color.
- Light colors reflect heat where dark colors attract heat.

Here are a few more tips and suggestions when working with color and textures.

You like one pattern and/or color for the floor and another for the countertop, but they don't match.

Which pattern and/or color do you absolutely love and which one could you live without? Choose the pattern with the easiest maintenance and the Design Gallery Coordinator will help you find a pattern and/or color to complement it. It's easy to love many patterns and colors but impossible to make them all work together.

What cabinet stain goes best with hardwood floors?

The wood surfaces in your home don't have to match but should complement each other. Sometimes complementary colors look better than trying to match wood stains. Let the Design Gallery Coordinator help you determine the best combination.

How should carpeting and kitchen flooring coordinate?

In most homes, the transitions from room to room are very noticeable. The colors, patterns and textures of adjoining floors need to agree at the threshold, which help smooth the transition.