

Update your home with 2019's new colours

Paint manufacturers announce go-to shades for coming year

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If you're planning to give your home a facelift this fall but don't know where to start, you may want to take your cue from paint manufacturers that have been unveiling their 2019 colours of the year forecasts.

PPG was the first out of the gates, proclaiming Night Watch, (PPG1145-7), a deep hunter green, as 2019's it col-

our. "Night Watch is about bringing the healing power from the outdoors into your home through colour," says Dee Schlotter, PPG senior colour marketing manager.

The colour can be used in a variety of rooms and design segments — from health care to commercial and residential design, PPG says. It can also be incorporated as a focal accent wall in a bedroom or dining room.

Mid-tone blue

Behr Paint's 2019 colour of the year is Blueprint, a mid-tone blue described as 'warmer than denim and softer than navy.' "Much like the sketches builders rely on to bring an architectural design to life, Blueprint S470-5 lays a foundation for consumers to make their unique vision a reality," says Erika Woelfel, vice president of colour and creative services at Behr. On walls, ceilings, trim or as an accent, Blueprint works with the manufacturer's four palettes:

Colour binge: Embracing a full range of blue, teal and grey is a key style for 2019. Layer light and dark blues on walls, cabinets, furniture and décor.

Inspired curation: In 2019, jewel hues will be cast with an earthy richness. Lustrous mauve, dark green and warm gold will engage the senses and enhance the appeal of a room.

Down to earth: Grey will remain a key neutral, while warmer tones in taupe and terracotta will rise. Earthy blue and brown combinations will become more popular.

Soft focus: Powder blue, blush peach and tinted lilac will emerge as new neutrals, creating relaxed and expansive spaces. Matte finishes emphasize softness, while metal accents add glamour.

Stylish grey

Benjamin Moore, meanwhile, unveiled its colour of the year and colour trends to the architecture and design community at The Carlu. Metropolitan AF-690 is a stylish grey with cool undertones.

Admittedly, it's "the polar opposite" of Caliente, a charismatic and "extroverted" shade of red that was Benjamin Moore's Colour of the Year 2018. "Last year's colour was so vibrant. This year's colour is almost a retreat from that. It's looking for pause," Andrea Magno, one of Benjamin Moore's colour and design expert said at last week's reveal.

Benjamin Moore also unveiled its Colour Trends 2019, a corresponding palette of 15 harmonious hues that further amplify the "cultured grace" of Metropolitan. Ranging from ethereal neutrals to



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frothy pinks to rich blues and greens, the palette features Putnam Ivory HC-39, Balboa Mist OC-27, Kendall Charcoal HC-166, Smoke 2122-40, Black Pepper 2130-40, Soft Fern 2144-40, Cloud White OC-130, Beau Green 2054-20, Metropolitan AF-690, Hale Navy HC-154, Head Over Heels AF-250, Kona AF-165, Decorator's White OC-149, Pashmina AF-100 and Hunter Green 2041-10.

Warm terra cotta

Sherwin-Williams settled on Cavern Clay SW 7701 as its 2019 Colour of the Year. "This warm, earthy hue is both cas-

ual and refined," the manufacturer says. "It can be the backdrop of a playful, welcoming dining room or kitchen when paired with bright tiles, warm stone and sculptural greenery." Cavern Clay pairs well with other casual, balanced neutrals, such as a warm grey or deep brown. Alternatively, consider a refreshed version of the popular '70s earth tone combinations by pairing it with a dusty denim blue or fresh avocado. Complementary materials include leather, simple woodgrains and indigenous cacti in contemporary, sleek gardening planters.



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And the winners of the best colour of the year are...



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It's that time of year! From new car launches, to film and TV show debuts, from changing colour on the leaves to changing colours of the year. That's right, it's COTY season! The major paint brands have announced their choice for Colour of the Year, 2019.

It's interesting to see what the brands predict will take off. Insights into global trends and predictions are selected, discussed and filtered down into one distinct colour.

Not an easy feat. So, instead of just a colour of the year, many brands are choosing palettes they predict will trend all year. That's a lot of colour.

But let's focus on the main event. Making fun of the names. No, that's just a designer's guilty pleasure. Let's take a look at what they're offering, how they're selling it and I'll give out

my own awards for "best of". Here we go.

I'll start with Dulux and their entry, Spiced Honey. Just like it sounds, it's a warm, rich amber. They get the award for Best Description: "This warm amber shade has been chosen to reflect a new mood of positivity and optimism - a desire to 'let the light in.'"

Behr's entry for 2019 is, Blueprint. It calls itself honest, approachable. A blueprint for the future of colour. It's a lovely blue that reads as both masculine and feminine and works indoors and out. I give Behr the Most Improved award. Blueprint beats In The Moment for its boldness and energy.

Beauty Tone came out swinging this year with, Tropic of Conversation. A playful, vibrant orange that figuratively (and literally) beats the blues. It wins the Best Name Award.

But what's this? In a surprising twist, both Sico and Pittsburgh Paint's Voice of Colour are highlighting very similar rich, dark greens. Evi-

dently both were inspired by nature and I'm a big fan of the direction they're taking.

With our current love affair with the scrumptious look of a navy-blue velvet, either PPG's Night Watch or Sico's Grand Manan Black offer the next big colour to replace today's blues.

This summer, I predicted that green will be the next blue, and it seems at least two paint companies are thinking the same way! They share the award for Best New Deep Green!

PPG is also featuring a palette of several colours expected to become more popular in 2019. One of the featured shades is called Fireweed. It's a version of a natural Terra Cotta. Coincidentally, Sherwin Williams has designated Cavern Clay as their colour of the year and it too, is similar. This affirms the read on the global "temperature", of looking to nature, the earth and reminding us to surround ourselves in nature's soothing tones.

That doesn't mean bland and grey, it means vibrant and life-giving. They share the award for Best Read on the Global Temperature.

Benjamin Moore took a turn into the, "Calm, composed and effortlessly sophisticated ... Metropolitan exudes glamour, beauty and balance."

This year's launch was a lot of fun and the PR team always does a great job, so I bestow the Best Launch on Benjamin Moore.

It's probably safe to say that the choices may be quite different, but the clear winner is colour.

Take a look at your walls and decide if it's time to add a little spice to your life. It's just paint, but it can offer a great change to how you see the world, every day.

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