

Color Your Home Beautiful

There is no better way to rejuvenate a home than by adding a splash of color.

And when it comes to today's home interiors, color is back in the spotlight. Designers have been working overtime to introduce vibrant hues into everything from kitchen sinks to furniture, and the options are endless.

Whether you are repainting an entire room or just adding a few bold accessories, the easiest, least-expensive way to liven up your surroundings is with color, according to Kate Sollecito, director of marketing services for Red Devil, a manufacturer of home improvement and decorating accessories. "There is a tremendous variety of decorating options available today, so it's a great time to experiment with a new look."

Choose Colors Wisely

The key to using color is to avoid overdoing it, Sollecito advises. "You want a room to be eye-catching, not an eyesore. Most experts recommend limiting yourself to three colors — a dominant shade for walls and floors, a secondary hue for furniture, fixtures and accessories, and an accent color used in moderation to invigorate the room with a dash of contrast."

Selecting the right palette is critical, particularly when it comes to walls. Warm hues ranging from rust-red to gold can make a large room seem cozier. But these colors can also make a small

room appear even smaller. Conversely, cool colors like blue and green "open up" a room and create a feeling of spaciousness. Greens are also said to inspire creativity, and dark colors supposedly aid concentration.

Go With the Flow

Once you've tackled the hues that set the overall tone of a room, pay close attention to other design elements to ensure a cohesive look. Sollecito suggests repeating secondary colors in accessories like curtains, area rugs, slipcovers and throw pillows.

"Don't overlook the little details that can make or break a decorating scheme.

For example, if you install new bath fixtures, seal around them with a caulk that color-matches both the fixtures and the adjacent flooring, walls or countertop. The same holds true for wallpaper, paint and tile. For a custom finishing touch, always use a caulk that blends with the colors in your home."

The new Create-A-Color Caulk Coloring System from Red Devil lets anyone mix their own latex paint colors into caulk to match wallpaper, wall paints, bath fixtures and countertops.

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