

Hints for Homeowners

Add Style And Color To Your Home

(NAPSA)—Whatever colors you choose, there are ways to paint your walls without spending a lot of green—and to add a splash of style to your home.

For instance, washing brushes as soon as you're finished with them can help keep them in good shape and keep you from having to purchase new ones each time you paint. Similarly, you can wrap paint rollers with plastic wrap to prevent them from drying out overnight should you need to stop working on a room before painting is complete.

Even simple tricks, like using colors that complement your existing decor, can help control the cost of a decorating project. Of course, the right kind of paint helps, too.



Elegant colors and understated decor define this popular design scheme.

For example, a new paint called Behr Premium Plus Ultra Interior combines paint and primer in one can, which saves do-it-yourselfers time by reducing the need for multiple products.

Plus, it's made with what's known as NanoGuard technology to form an extra-protective shell that resists moisture, mildew, stains and dirt, and it's available



DIY decorators can use exotic colors, patterns and shapes to create an affordable at-home escape.

in 386 boutique, hand-selected colors. Palettes range from relaxing, organic-toned neutrals to more saturated and vibrant hues. Design-trend forecaster and Behr color expert Erika Woelfel says each one was chosen to be easy to combine and pleasant to live with.

“Color plays a huge role in today's home. Its first job is to convey personality and style. Since people plan to live with their purchases longer, the colors they choose must also have longevity,” she explains. “Most importantly, they must be versatile enough to work well with other colors. This is the reason neutrals and earth tones are used so often. Grays, taupes, sand, khaki and dusty versions of green or blue are key bridge colors. They can shift in one direction or another and complement brighter, bolder hues.”

If you're having trouble settling on a color and design scheme for a room, stop by the new Ultra Color Center at The Home Depot. They feature six themed design approaches to help you match hues to decor and more, including these ideas:

Casual Charm

Homeowners looking to create an elegant, understated look

might opt for the Casual Charm palette. It uses simple but chic furniture and design elements such as attractive slipcovered upholstered chairs. Complementary paint colors include Green Energy, Retro Avocado, Sliced Cucumber and Ivy Topiary.

Vintage Chic

If you prefer a peaceful oasis, you might take the Vintage Chic approach. It treats each room as a sanctuary, offering a reminder of earlier, and seemingly simpler, eras. It features colors such as Caribe, Ozone, Lunar Shadow and English Channel.

Global Escape

You can decorate without borders—and connect with colors,



Vintage colors and styles conjure memories of simpler times in this inexpensive and popular design.

exotic patterns, shapes and unique objects from different cultures—with the Global Escape palette. Colors featured include High Drama, Spiced Plum, Tibetan Orange and Red Pepper.

You can learn more by visiting www.behr.com.