Fresh Start with a New Color

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A fresh start can be a wonderful thing...

especially when it comes to your home décor!

ForRent.com® and Homes.com® are excited to bring you tips and ideas for adding pops of color inside and outside your apartment or home. The best thing about color is it doesn’t have to be permanent! Whether you’re a renter or a homeowner, you can liven up your space with your favorite hues in a variety of ways.

In this guide, you’ll find tips for adding color in your home, no matter what your style: modern, classic, or eclectic. You’ll also see visual inspiration, complementary shades to add to your décor, and tips to consider if you’re planning to sell your home.

ForRent.com and Homes.com are thrilled to be your partner and help you create a fresh start with color in your home or apartment!
Robin’s Egg Blue

Modern
• Add Robin’s egg blue to photo frames and set them up in a mural on your wall or a shelf for an unexpected and renter-friendly pop of color.
• Paint an accent wall with a bright Robin’s egg blue color to bring in tranquility and calming vibes to your space. Click to Tweet!
• Blue is no longer just for boys’ rooms. Take a twist on decorating your little lady’s room with Robin’s egg blue - you’d be surprised how feminine it can be.

Classic
• Add throw pillows for a pop of color that can easily be changed out if you are ready for a new look.
• Use Robin’s egg blue dishware in the kitchen.
• Showcase Robin’s egg blue glasses and bottles on a floating shelf or bookcase to incorporate color in your space.

Eclectic
• Upcycle an older piece of furniture by painting it.
• Update your kitchen cabinets with Robin’s egg blue drawer and cabinet pulls.
• Spray paint metal folding chairs for a new take on an old classic.

Complementary Colors
Red • Coral • Gray • Black • White • Metallics

*Selling your home?
Use this color sparingly and through accent pieces to both draw the eye and add calming touches to your home, for a certain quick sell.

Step-by-step tutorial
Neutrals and pale pinks and blues. Matte metallics also do well with neutrals.

Complementary Colors

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Keep the metallic accents to a tasteful minimum!

Modern
- Pair metallics with white or black furniture for a bold look.
- Chrome fixtures will act as an accent that brightens up your space.
- Gold and copper accents such as lighting and vases help give a modern space a more warm feel.

Classic
- Add a gold side table, lamps, frames, or even a gold pouf for a glamorous and playful look.
- Neutral colors help the metallic accents stand out and complement a room without being overdone.
- A glass table with copper or gold legs will also help balance a more classic space while giving it a little pizzazz.

Eclectic
- Be bold by adding a gold sofa or large frames as well as mixing and matching metals such as brass, copper, and gold.
- Have a brick wall? Add gold frames and lighting to it for a glamorous pop of color.
- Add a few bright colored pillows with matte metallic accents for a pop of color to a neutral space. Add a few natural elements in the form of plants or natural fiber rugs to give a nice balance to a space as well.


Looking for more inspiration?

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Lavender

Modern
- Paint lavender on your walls for a modern, feminine, and calm feel to your space. Click to Tweet!
- Add lavender pillows on a white or black sofa. The colors will really pop!
- For a modern look in your kitchen, create a purple tile backsplash. Add purple upholstered bar stools, too!

Classic
- In the kitchen, incorporate lavender into your décor by having lavender items, like a tea cup set, out for display.
- Line the inside of your cabinets with removable wallpaper that has a classic lavender pattern, such as stripes, on it.
- Have one accent piece in your room that’s lavender, such as a chair or bookcase.

Eclectic
- Add a fun, patterned rug to your space. You can also add patterns to your wall, or even have a mirrored wall!
- Hang a funky purple chandelier in your dining room.
- Add lavender artwork to your walls.

* Selling your home?
You may want to switch out your eclectic light fixtures for something a little more classic!

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Complementary Colors
Light Blue • Pink • Dark Purple • Black • Gold • White • Gray • Turquoise
Patterns

Modern
- Add patterned contact paper or wrapping paper to exposed shelving for a fresh look. [Click to Tweet!]
- A trellis or chevron-patterned rug can be a great addition to an otherwise neutral or mellow space.
- Paint stripes on the walls of your powder room for a bold new look.

Classic
- Reupholster chairs and seat cushions in a nautical or damask pattern to liven up a formal living or dining room.
- Hang floral drapes in light, airy colors on your windows.
- Blue and white Willow-patterned china and vases can add a classic touch to your home’s décor.

Eclectic
- Give new life to an old piece of furniture by painting it with a pattern like stripes or chevron, using bold colors.
- Hang artwork with unique patterns and loud colors to accentuate the walls in your apartment or home.
- Removable wallpaper can pack a powerful design punch - use it to create an accent wall in one of the rooms of your home. [Click to Tweet!]

Complementary Colors
Patterns mix well with all colors, especially pastels and bold rich shades!

* Selling your home?
Stick with more classic patterns and shy away from overly bold colors in order to appeal to a variety of buyers!
Coral

Modern
• A coral front door adds a great touch to your home.
• Add a pop of color with an awesome coral arm chair or love seat.
• Paint a bookcase coral to make it more modern and fun.

Classic
• Add high backed coral dining room chairs with beautiful wood finishes.
• Cover the headboard of a bed with coral fabric and use pins evenly all over the fabric to create a plush look.
• Hang long, flowing coral curtains.

Eclectic
• Paint walls white with coral stripes. Thick stripes, not thin!
• Paint lightswitch covers and electrical outlet covers coral. Small details add a pop of color to a room.
• Add a coral industrial light fixture cover hanging from the kitchen ceiling over a table or food preparation station.

* Selling your home?
Soft coral accents like throw pillows and rugs can really spice up your space. Click to Tweet!

Complementary Colors
Turquoise • Black • White • Gray • Beige
Navy Blue

Modern
- Add navy blue sheets and rugs to a light/neutral color bedroom to add richness.
- Pair navy blue with grey and stainless steel in the kitchen for a modern look. Click to Tweet!
- Use navy blue furniture and accent pieces for a bold look.

Classic
- Paint accent walls navy blue to add depth.
- Play with white and navy blue combos for a clean, nautical feel.
- Use different shades of blue in bathroom tiles for a fresh, bright feel.

Eclectic
- Pair a navy blue rug with dark wood floors to keep the warm feeling while still creating a pop of color.
- Create a navy blue themed room by mixing different shades and using patterns to break up the blue theme.
- Match patterns and colors to create a seamless and custom feel.

Complementary Colors
- Red • Yellow • Orange • Lime • White • Deep Violet • Fuschia


* Selling your home?
Accessorize with navy, but avoid painting your walls with this dark (but lovely!) shade. Click to Tweet!
Emerald

Modern
- Add emerald in the form of frames for a gallery wall. Use black & white photos so the green really pops!
- Welcome guests with an emerald green front door.
- Spray paint a collection of animals/symbols, such as birds or lion, white - with the exception of one. Spray paint this one emerald green.

Complementary Colors
Gray • Sage • Black • White • Tan • Metallics

Classics
- Pair this color with nail trim for a headboard or side chair.
- Paint the inside of a bookshelf emerald green and stage with old leather books. Click to Tweet!
- Replace drawer handles with spray painted emerald green fleur de lis knobs.

Eclectic
- Go bold with an emerald green sofa or patterned rug.
- Mix 2-3 patterns in the same space in unexpected places, such as a kitchen backsplash.
- Hang an emerald peacock painting in a prominent place for all to see.

* Selling your home?
Use this color sparingly and through accent pieces with soft neutrals so as to attract as many buyers as possible!
Freesia

**Modern**
- Paint the back of bookshelves freesia for a burst of color. For a less permanent solution, use temporary wallpaper instead! **Click to Tweet!**
- Pair with white and gray for a cozy vibe. Toss in Robin’s egg blue for a playful look.
- Use freesia with purple or emerald accent pieces for a bolder look.

**Classic**
- Display natural items such as lemons, tulips, yellow bell peppers, bananas, or yellow flowers to add fresh color!
- Plant a Golden Trumpet tree or yellow rose bushes in your yard.
- Decorate your front door with a simple wreath featuring lemons or beautiful flower garlands.

**Eclectic**
- Dip the legs of your furniture in yellow paint for a fun, eclectic look. **Click to Tweet!**
- Incorporate freesia lampshades and candles in your living room décor.
- Paint a piece of old furniture this bright shade and add knobs in a complementary color.

**Complementary Colors**
Purple • Pink • Robin’s Egg Blue • Green • Brown • Gray
White • Black • Turquoise

* Selling your home?
Draw the attention of potential homebuyers with bright freesia incorporated into your curb appeal and home décor, but keep it simple - too much can be overbearing!

Conclusion

Whether you own a home or rent, you should be able to showcase your design personality. Now that you’ve seen how to add your favorite colors to your home with or without painting, hopefully you’ll be inspired to brighten up your space and create a fresh start this season!

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