



The Basics of Color

Choosing the colors for your home's exterior can be one of the most exciting parts of remodeling your home. It is a decision you will live with for many years to come, so it is worth taking the time to carefully consider your choices before making your final color decision.

For instance, since colors often look different under different kinds of light, you may want to take your favorite color chips outdoors to get a better idea of how they look. If you will be replacing or painting any exterior trim, you may also want to compare your favorite siding and roofing colors to your trim color choices. You may even want to drive around your neighborhood to see what color combinations most attract your eye before making your final decision.

Above all, enjoy the process. Your home is a reflection of you, and making your home look its best makes the time spent worthwhile.

When choosing which exterior color scheme works for your home, consider the following:



Your home's architectural style

This can be a guideline for what colors to choose. For example, a traditional Cape Cod home may look best with a more subtle color combination, while a Victorian-style home may inspire more dramatic color selections.

The effect of lighter colors:

Lighter colors can make your home appear larger and create an impression that it's closer to the front of the lot. However they can also make an area seem crowded if homes are close together.





Architectural details

If your home has complex angles, using monochromatic color schemes (different shades of the same color) helps bring balance to the overall look.



Adding visual interest

To add visual interest to your home's exterior, consider choosing trim in a color that accents, but does not match, your siding to focus attention on areas like entryways or porches.

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