

# Painting Tips from the Pros at Mills County General Store

## What is the best place to start integrating a fun, new paint color into my home?

Start small. Try experimenting with a favorite color in a small bathroom or guest room or on an accent wall. It's a great way to see immediate results and a quick fix if you find that particular color is not for you. Think of it as an adventure!

## Where is the best place to find paint color inspiration for the rooms in my home?

One of the most foolproof ways to inspire a great color scheme is to pull colors from something that you already have and know you plan to keep in the room—like a favorite piece of artwork, curtains, bedding, furniture fabrics or even a cherished family heirloom. Mills County General Store has a computer color matching program that can match any color in your home.

## Are there certain colors that are better suited than others for different rooms of the home?

When choosing a room color, it's important to think about the mood you want to create in that room. For example, soothing neutrals and softer, more muted colors can help to create a restful, relaxing mood, which is perfect for bedrooms and bathrooms. Brighter and more vibrant colors tend to create a livelier environment, which is better suited for the more active areas of your home such as a kitchen, dining area, craft room or a child's playroom.

## How can the lighting in my home affect the colors I choose?

Lighting can have a huge effect on a color's appearance. For example, natural daylight shows the truest color, while incandescent



lighting brings out warm tones and yellows, and fluorescent lighting casts a cooler, bluer tone. For best results, we recommend getting a pint tinted to your favorite color and painting a swatch on your wall, then viewing your color at different times of the day and night in the light sources used in that room. We also carry a huge variety of light bulbs and fixtures that can help bring the most out of your paint color choices.

## What is color scheme?

A color scheme is a combination of colors used together to create a beautiful designer look. Some of the most popular color schemes

for home decor are: complementary, analogous and monochromatic. A complementary color scheme combines colors that are opposite from each other on the color wheel (like red paired with green or blue paired with orange) —creating a classic and timeless look. An analogous color scheme uses colors that lay directly next to each other on the color wheel (such as blue paired with green and purple, or red paired with yellow and orange). An analogous scheme using cool colors will give rooms a calming and soothing look, while a warm analogous scheme will create an energizing effect. A monochromatic color scheme incorporates a mix-

ture of lighter and darker shades of the same color (like a deep navy paired with a mid-toned blue and a pale, sky blue), which creates a stylish and sophisticated look.

## Need More Painting Help?

Come by Mills County General Store and let the pros answer all your painting questions. The General Store has everything you need to paint a room or a whole house, all in one convenient store.