

Rooms shown are by designers we admire, along with a few of our own designs.

the best of bossy's colors

7 COLORS THAT WORK (ALMOST) ANYWHERE.



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1

WHISPERING SPRING - BENJAMIN MOORE (2136-70)

A pretty light blue that still has some oomph. This is one of my favorite colors for bathrooms, because the light blue makes disparate whites look crisper and more similar.

Try this in your: Bathroom or Bedroom



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2

RECTORY RED - FARROW & BALL (217)

I love this red because of its pink undertone. Orange reds can veer towards muddy brick, but pinky reds always look fresh.

Try this in your: Dining Room

3

GENTLEMAN'S GRAY - BENJAMIN MOORE (2062-20)

A very distinguished deep blue-gray. It has juuuuusssst a hint of green, which disqualifies it as a "bright navy," which bossy color declared the color of the year for 2015 in response to the travesty that is Pantone's Marsala. But that's ok. It's a gorgeous color nonetheless.

Try this in your: Bedroom or Library



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4

WINDHAM CREAM - BENJAMIN MOORE (HC-6)

This is one of my longstanding favorites. It's yellow enough to be interesting, but creamy enough to be versatile. Windham Cream looks especially great in homes with traditional architecture.

*Try this anywhere, but especially in your:
Foyer/Stairwell*

5

CLINTON BROWN - BENJAMIN MOORE (HC-67)

A strong, dark, dry brown. Clinton Brown has very little red, which makes it quite versatile.

Try this in your: Vestibule or Mudroom



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6

REVERE PEWTER - BENJAMIN MOORE (HC-172)

Even though this light gray has warm undertones, it holds its gray-ness in most situations. In other words, it doesn't go beige.

Try this in your: Family Room

7

CHAPPELL GREEN – FARROW & BALL (83)

A mid-tone green that's as soothing as sage without being dull.

Try this in your: Kitchen



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SIMPLY WHITE (OC-117)

CLOUD WHITE (OC-130)

SUPER WHITE (RMI-02)

These Benjamin Moore shades of white tie as versatile white trim colors for LIGHT walls. Super White can be especially great in newer bathrooms, or in kids' rooms if you want high contrast. (If you have questions about trim in general, take a look at my blog post called ["7 Sanity-Restoring Rules About Trim Color."](#) It also includes my favorite off-whites for DARKER walls.

Now, I must in good conscience remind you that you should put actual paint swatches on the wall – large ones, say, 2' square, and on several walls if possible - before committing to a winning color. But if time is of the essence, these colors are tried and true.

I hope this is helpful, Gentle Readers! Until next time -

All the best,
Annie

ps. Why don't I recommend paints from different manufacturers? Well, I tend to work with Benjamin Moore and Farrow & Ball most often (and, increasingly, with Fine Paints of Europe), and therefore I know their products the best. I've been very happy with the paints themselves, and the colors and finishes offered by these lines simply work for bossy color. I keep meaning to diversify, but in the meantime, these are the paints I'm most comfortable recommending.

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