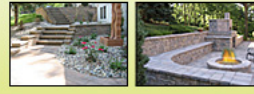




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Variations on blue and white

After navigating a protracted rocky patch on the financial front, are you beginning to crave a bit of excitement without sacrificing comfort and security?

If so, blue and white is for you - and it has a lot to do with what you and the rest of America have gone through in the past couple of years.

"We have so much eagerness to get out of this doom and gloom. We want to be out of these dark, gloomy, foggy days," says Sue Kim, color trend and forecast specialist for Valspar paints.

Blue and white - whether it's the snappy, classic combo of navy and white, or the punchier, bright turquoise and white - suggests sanctuary, serenity, order. Introduce a third note of color and you bring in some energy, all within the orderly confines of all that blue and white suggests.

"Everything about it is stable. Controlled - yet it's in motion," says Kim, noting that the blues found in nature - clouds, sky, sea - are associated with movement.

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