

Bonnie Krims

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"What's Your Paint Color?"
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Boost curb appeal with sure-fire paint palette, house jewelry, or a new can't-believe-it's-not-wood front door.

bonnie krims' favorite exterior palettes:



1. CALIFORNIA PAINTS (HISTORIC)
COLORS OF AMERICA COLLECTION
BODY: Morning Dew; TRIM: Jewett White;
ACCENTS: Beauport Aubergine

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Drive around and check out houses, Krims says. If you spot a color you like, knock on the door or leave a note in the mailbox and ask the owners for the paint name. Take photos of houses you like. (Shoot from the sidewalk or ask the owners' permission.) Collect pictures from magazines. You'll likely see a pattern emerging of your preferences. After gathering ideas, Krims

most exterior paint colors are toned down with gray. "Gray allows us to bring down the intensity of the color so that a purple becomes a muted violet-gray or grass green becomes olive," Krims says. It's fine to use an interior palette, Krims adds, but be aware that it may be brighter than you intend. "Look at an interior pink and exterior pink—you'll really see the difference," she says.



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PLAIN WHITE WALLS AND PAGES. White houses with green shutters may be next. "There is a rebirth in the use of color for home exteriors," says color consultant Bonnie Rosser Krims. "People are starting to realize that color and architecture reinforce each other."

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Yellow is the perfect color for lifting spirits.

—Bonnie Krims