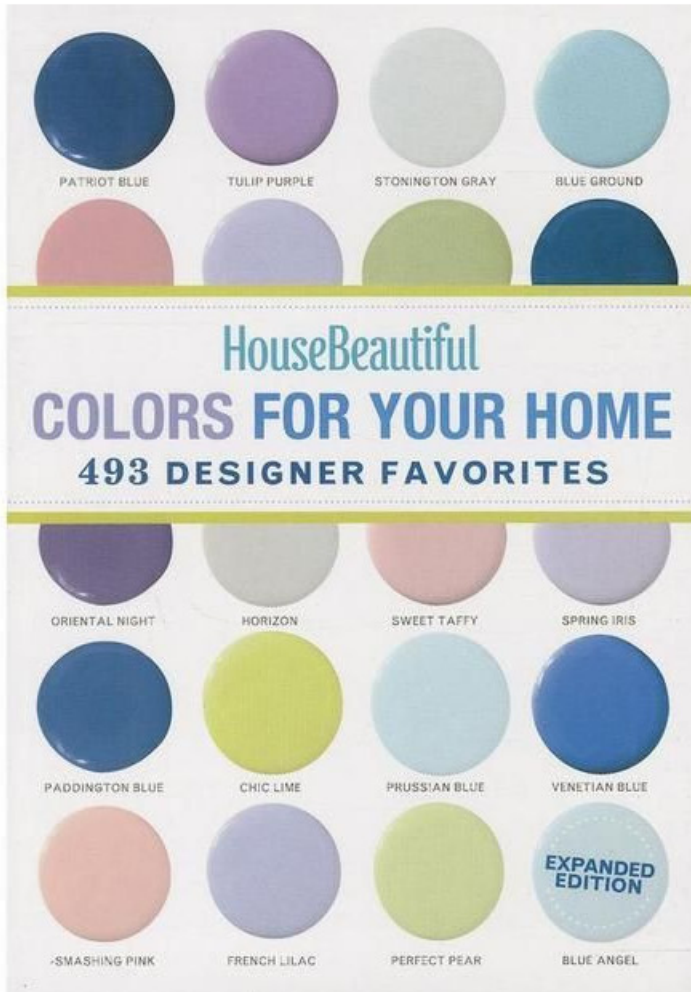


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Selecting just the right paint color from the vast number of options can be an intimidating prospect.

Add to all the choices the fact that the way a chosen color appears will be affected the room's lighting and furnishings, and it could become a paralyzing decision. Experimenting with selected colors on one wall with sample-size paints is one solution. But if you need some guidance to determine what color family might be right for a room, House Beautiful magazine's "Colors for Your Home: 439 Designer Favorites" (Hearst, \$19.95), offers insights on color use culled from some of the interior designers, architects and color pros who have been featured on the magazine's pages.

If you love orange, it can have a place in a bathroom when softened to a near pastel with a touch of white. Bold orange can be an uplifting laundry room choice. We learn that even lavender can be a neutral when the color is Bella Donna, a "smoky lavender gray" from DD Allen paints. Those considering gray paints should think beyond walls as designer Gil Schafer and color consultant Eve Ashcraft do for two of the book's rooms. Both are transitional spaces -- an enclosed porch and an adjoining sunroom where wood floors painted a blue-gray help balance the brightness of white paint and sunlight, and the lighter gray porch ceiling helps with transition between indoor and outdoor spaces.

Each color shown is identified by name and brand, and quotes from featured designers offer insight and encouragement toward daring color use.

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