

SIMPLY GRACIOUS LIVING

Color & Mood Quick Reference

A simple guide to choosing color for the feeling you want a room to hold.

Not all colors create the same feeling. A deep navy can feel grounded and sophisticated, while a soft sage may feel restful and natural. As you decorate, think beyond whether you simply like a color. Ask yourself how you want the room to feel, then use color to help create that atmosphere.

Choosing Color by Feeling

Use this reference as inspiration rather than a set of rules. Natural light, undertones, surrounding finishes, and your own preferences will always influence how a color feels in your home.

Color	The Feeling It Creates	Pairs Beautifully With	Often Works Well In
Deep Navy Blue	Grounded, sophisticated, calm	Warm white, cream, camel, antique gold, natural wood	Living rooms, studies, dining rooms, bedrooms
Forest / Hunter Green	Restful, established, warm	Cream, warm taupe, cognac, brass, aged wood	Bedrooms, libraries, offices, dining rooms
Soft Sage Green	Quiet, natural, relaxed	Ivory, warm white, soft blue, taupe, light wood	Bedrooms, kitchens, bathrooms, sitting rooms
Warm White / Cream	Soft, timeless, welcoming	Nearly any accent color; especially blue, green, gold, wood	Whole-home palettes, living areas, bedrooms
Warm Taupe	Grounded, comfortable, understated	Cream, navy, sage, rust, antique gold	Living rooms, bedrooms, hallways, offices
Soft / French Blue	Peaceful, graceful, airy	Cream, warm white, taupe, soft green, aged gold	Bedrooms, living rooms, bathrooms, guest spaces
Terracotta / Rust	Warm, earthy, collected	Cream, olive, navy, warm wood, aged metals	Dining rooms, dens, entries, accent areas
Burgundy / Wine	Rich, intimate, traditional	Cream, camel, deep green, navy, brass	Dining rooms, libraries, formal rooms, accents
Charcoal	Dramatic, tailored, grounding	Warm white, camel, muted blue, natural wood, brass	Offices, studies, accent walls, cabinetry
Soft Blush / Muted Rose	Gentle, warm, romantic	Cream, taupe, sage, champagne gold, warm wood	Bedrooms, dressing areas, dining accents

A Simple Way to Begin

Before choosing a wall color or major accent, write down three words describing how you want the room to feel. Calm and restful? Warm and welcoming? Rich and dramatic? Those words can become a filter for your color decisions and help you avoid choosing a color simply because it looked beautiful somewhere else.

Simply Gracious Tip

Color is personal. If a shade makes you happy and supports the feeling you want in your room, it belongs in the conversation. Use guides to narrow your choices - then trust what feels right in your own home.

