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Meaning of Colors - Warm Colors

Yellow - stimulates the nervous system as well as the mind. Makes objects seem closer and larger. Good choice if you want a room to appear brighter and more spring-like. Captivates the eye, but can be an irritant if over-used. Great choice for a bathroom that doesn't get much sunlight. Its opposite color is violet.

Orange - stimulates the mind and provides an emotional lift. Will stimulate the appetite. Requires the eye to focus, therefore objects seem closer and larger. Conveys warmth and assurance, but avoid over-using. Its opposite color is blue.

Red - stimulates the mind and nervous system. Will stimulate appetite. Bright red can be an irritant if used over large areas. Makes objects seem closer and larger. Its opposite color is green.

Meaning of Colors - Cold Colors

Green - lowers the blood pressure, relaxes the nervous system, calms the mind. Creates a feeling of freshness. Does not require the eye to focus, therefore objects and walls seem farther away. Great for making a room seem larger. Its opposite color is red.

Blue - diminishes the appetite. Use if you want the room to feel more formal. Has a calming effect. Does not require the eye to focus, therefore objects and walls seem farther away. Great for making a room seem larger, but if over-used it can make a room seem cold. Its opposite color is orange.

Violet - does not require the eye to focus, therefore objects and walls seem farther away. Great for making a room seem larger. Very subduing color. Try using it with its opposite color, yellow, for an eye-catching combination.

Meaning of Colors - Earth Tones

Brown - in more earthy tones creates intimacy. Evokes a sense of tranquility, but can make a room seem too subdued if used widely without texture or another color to enliven it. Beiges and tans are more sophisticated tones. Opposite color is mint green.

Meaning of Colors - Accent and Background Colors

Black - depending on how it is used, it can create an elegant and sophisticated look in a room or it can depress. Just to be on the safe side, do not use over a wide area. Opposite color is white.

White - creates a stark atmosphere. Great as an accent or background color because it makes other colors seem more vivid and bold. Opposite color is black.