

Painting Ahead Of The Curve

(NAPSA)—If you're ready to refresh the rooms in your home, let new trend colors inspire you to paint ahead of the curve.

Paint palettes are inspired by many sources—from social trends to fashion runways. Here are four of the trendiest color palettes from Erika Woelfel, Director of Color at Behr Paints:

Santa Fe Today: A far cry from the dusty pastels and kitschy cowboy accessories of the late '80s, the new Southwest style feels equally at home in country homes or urban settings. Furnishings are streamlined and minimal while accent details are authentic, handmade and natural. Elements such as Native American pottery and handwoven textiles, authentic leathers, cast iron fixtures, succulent gardens and reclaimed woods add a comfortable look and feel to the home. The palette is complex yet welcoming with warm tones of red, yellow, terra-cotta and brown. Paint colors are Prairie Poppy, Stagecoach, Canyon Sunset, Darlin Clementine and Lone Star.

Retro Recall: In this vibrant design trend, today's games of high-def, high-touch and high-tech excitement blend affectionately with the nostalgic tech from decades ago. This style is clean and urban, with touches of lighthearted, techno-geek nostalgia. Warm remembrances—collections of quirky subculture characters, offbeat toys and gizmos—mix with contemporary icons and gadgets to form the basis of this style. Décor items reflect favorite characters or series from a video game, cartoon, comic or movie. The Retro Recall palette is action-oriented, using vivid shades of red, green and blue with a softer yellow and a midtone gray to provide balance. Paint colors are LOL Yellow, Red Wire, Reboot, Level Up and Game Over.



The Santa Fe Today palette features warm tones in rusty red, ochre yellow, terra-cotta and sarsaparilla brown.

Safari Escape: This global style takes its inspiration from luxurious tent travel. It features relaxed neutrals, natural materials, sophisticated surfaces and exotic details. The Safari Escape palette reflects the dried earthen shades of the African grasslands. Khaki, soft taupe, camo green and warm off-white accompany a dark chocolate brown on the trim and ceiling rafters. The neutrality of this palette pairs beautifully with



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brighter pops of copper metallic. The overall look is exotic, soulful and theatrical. Paint colors are Compass, Jackal, Tribal Drum, Livingstone and Serengeti Dust.

Tea Party: This is a delightful spin on the traditional Edwardian kitchens of a century ago. With an air of flirtatious charm, the furnishings are either classic origi-



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nals or modern interpretations of the traditional styles. A delicate aqua is the featured color, accompanied by minty fresh green and elegant violet. These cool tones are warmed with lively peach and a blushing pink mauve to give rooms a sense of happiness and fun. Paint colors are Queen's Tart, Violet Water, Minty Frosting, Sugar Pool and First Peach.

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The colors of the Tea Party palette feel optimistic and cheerful.

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