

Decorating Trends

Create A Hacienda-Style Home

(NAPSA)—Having a new home at the old address can be both easy and inexpensive. Sometimes all you need is a little paint and a lot of inspiration.

For example, from sun-drenched hues to deep jewel tones, and rough-hewn wood to organic, earthy elements, the world of Mexican haciendas has an ever-increasing influence on contemporary design. Today, it is easier than ever for homeowners who want the warm tones of Mexican style and designs.

For design inspiration, you can turn to authors Karen Witynski and Joe P. Carr, who recently released a new book titled “Hacienda Style.” It showcases the rich colors and colonial design elements found in Mexican haciendas and celebrates the Mexican hacienda’s rich architectural legacy.

“With its rugged, romantic beauty, rich colors and time-honored natural textures, hacienda style is becoming an ever-increasing design influence,” said Witynski. “Walls become their own decorative accent in a hacienda-style home.”

To bring their hacienda-inspired design to life, homeowners also have access to a variety of paint colors. For example, PPG Pittsburgh Paints developed a hacienda-inspired color palette with traditional colors such as Ticul, Sol de Yucatan and Rojo Colonial.

Through its use of refurbished doors and furniture, hacienda-style design naturally incorporates eco-friendly elements. This can extend to the color on the walls, as all 18 colors are available from PPG Pittsburgh Paints in the company’s environmentally responsible Pure Performance line of paint.

Here are a few hints to help you make the most of your new paint:



You can feel like you’re enjoying a trip to Mexico all the time when you paint and decorate your home hacienda style.

1. Work with few colors. Assign 60 percent of the available space to one color, called dominant; 30 percent to another, called intermediate; and 10 percent to an accent shade.

2. Keep in mind the potential effects colors may have on your moods. This will help you in deciding what color should be used as dominant, intermediate and accent.

3. Consider the elements of your decor that you don’t intend to change, like the floor, for example. Be sure their colors will blend nicely in your scheme.

4. Think about a painting you especially like. Chances are the colors are partly responsible for your attraction to it. It can be an inspiration for your decorating.

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To learn more and to experience the striking colors of the Hacienda Style Color Palette, visit the Voice of Color program at www.voiceofcolor.com.