



COLOR TRENDS

Setting the Tone: The 2019 Paint Forecast

hile some of us are still trying to work the latest It hue into our homes, a cabal of color experts have already wrapped up their lead colors for next year. Their message: We all need a little cocooning. "People want a break from the chaos and noise out there," says Benjamin Moore creative director Ellen O'Neill, who selected Metropolitan, a contemplative, light-shifting gray, as the brand's 2019 Color of the Year. Earthy, warm tones—like Sherwin-Williams Cavern Clay and Dunn-Edwards Spice of Life—seem bold

at first glance, but they're known for a similarly soothing effect. "Painted on the walls, it's like an embrace," says Sue Wadden, Sherwin-Williams's director of color marketing. And with tech-saturated consumers struggling to stay rooted, expect plenty of organic inspiration. Behr Blueprint evokes a calm sea blue, while PPG Night Watch, a midnight green, "represents that meditative state of being in nature," says the company's senior color marketing manager, Dee Schlotter. "Right now, we could use a bit of peace and quiet!" —Emma Bazilian