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### *HOW TO USE COLOR TO CHANGE YOUR SPACE*

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There is no more transformative change you can make in a room than to change its color. The proper use of color can change a room by creating a mood, disguise flaws, and create illusions. Carefully choosing the right color can make a room look lighter, brighter or cozier and more inviting.

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Choosing white or a pale color, for example, in a smaller room, whether its on a ceiling to make it seem higher, or on the floor to give the illusion of space, is always a smart design choice.

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However, if the effect that you're looking for is to make a room seem cozier, use medium-toned warm colors. Additionally, decorative wall features such as wainscoting can make a room look more polished and warmer.

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Also, a simple trick to make a lofty ceiling seem lower is to bring the ceiling color down a foot or so into the wall. Install a strip of moulding where the two colors meet for a professional crisp look.



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Consider painting stripes. Vertical stripes will give the illusion of a higher ceiling. Horizontal stripes make a room seem bigger.

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Chair rails in rooms are still very popular. Unless the room is very large, two different colors make a room look smaller and busier. Either paint the same color above and below the chair rail or paint a color

above it and white below it.

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Some halls or staircases can create a "tunnel" effect when painted. If opposite walls are painted different coordinating colors or two different intensities of the same hue, you will not have this happen.

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If you are trying to sell your home, a fresh coat of neutral paint creates a calming backdrop that carries potential buyers throughout the home and allows the layout and setting to shine. In addition to its transformative power, paint is also relatively inexpensive. White, beige and light gray can make room seem much bigger. A neutral paint palette will allow the eye to move freely around the rooms and allow the buyer to focus on the layout and architecture of the house.

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Taking steps towards changing your rooms is now made easier with online options. For example, Benjamin Moore offers tools on their website that allow you to see how different colors would look in the same room. This really highlights the big difference that choosing the right color can make in your home.



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