

Working Confidently With Color

- ❖ Decide on either your color source or your dominant color. Repeat the dominant color elsewhere at least once.
- ❖ Limit yourself to two or three colors, achieving variety with different shades, tints, and intensities. Extend your color scheme with neutrals.
- ❖ Use colors unequally for better color proportion and balance.
- ❖ Choose colors first for the largest areas - wall, ceiling, floor covering.
- ❖ Then select colors for upholstery and drapery fabrics.
- ❖ Confine the most brilliant colors to the smallest areas.
- ❖ Color-connect adjoining rooms.
- ❖ Stay with light colors for a feeling of spaciousness. Pale or pastel colors reflect light rays instead of absorbing them.
- ❖ Bright, strong colors have the opposite effect. They create a warm, cozy feeling, especially in large rooms.
- ❖ Combine pale with strong colors. This will strengthen the visual impression of each.
- ❖ Emphasize desirable architectural details with strong color.
- ❖ Camouflage architectural defects with neutral paint colors that blend into neutral walls, ceiling, and floor.
- ❖ Take wood tones into consideration. They are part of your color scheme.