

the FINISHING TOUCHES

CEILINGS

After selecting your wall colors, you need to select a color for the ceiling.

Typically, I choose a lighter color for my ceilings. But not always. If I have a standard 8' ceiling, I almost always go light. If I have 9' and above, I often take the opportunity to add crown molding if it is appropriate for the style of home. Light ceilings to match the crown is always a safe bet and looks very nice. For 10' ceiling heights and above I allow myself to consider other color options. In addition, I let the wall and ceiling architecture guide me in my selections.

A darker color will make the ceiling drop visually which can create a cozy feeling in the room. If there are beams, I often choose a lighter color to contrast with the beams. If I want the beams to "go away" I match my ceiling color to the beam color or something softer but close in hue. Remember your choice of ceiling color can enhance a room or exaggerate its flaws!

TRIM & WOODWORK

Trim includes base molding, crown molding, door and window casements, and even doors themselves. This color can be used for kitchen cabinets as well as bathroom vanities. I typically select one trim color for these areas but in some homes, I might mix stained wood with painted.

favorite colors for trims: white dove, simply white

DOORS

I often use the same color on the interior doors as on my trim and woodwork but there are times I choose something different. Lately, I've been obsessed with black doors. It can be tricky if you have a hallway with a lot of doors but, done sparingly, black can be cool. If you opt to paint your doors black remember to paint the door casement in a lighter trim color to set it off. For the door itself I'd choose a semi-gloss finish. A colored entry door is another great option to consider for certain types of architecture.

REMEMBER

- paint all grates and vents
- remove ALL switch plate covers and nails before painting
- preparation is the KEY to a good paint job

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painting!