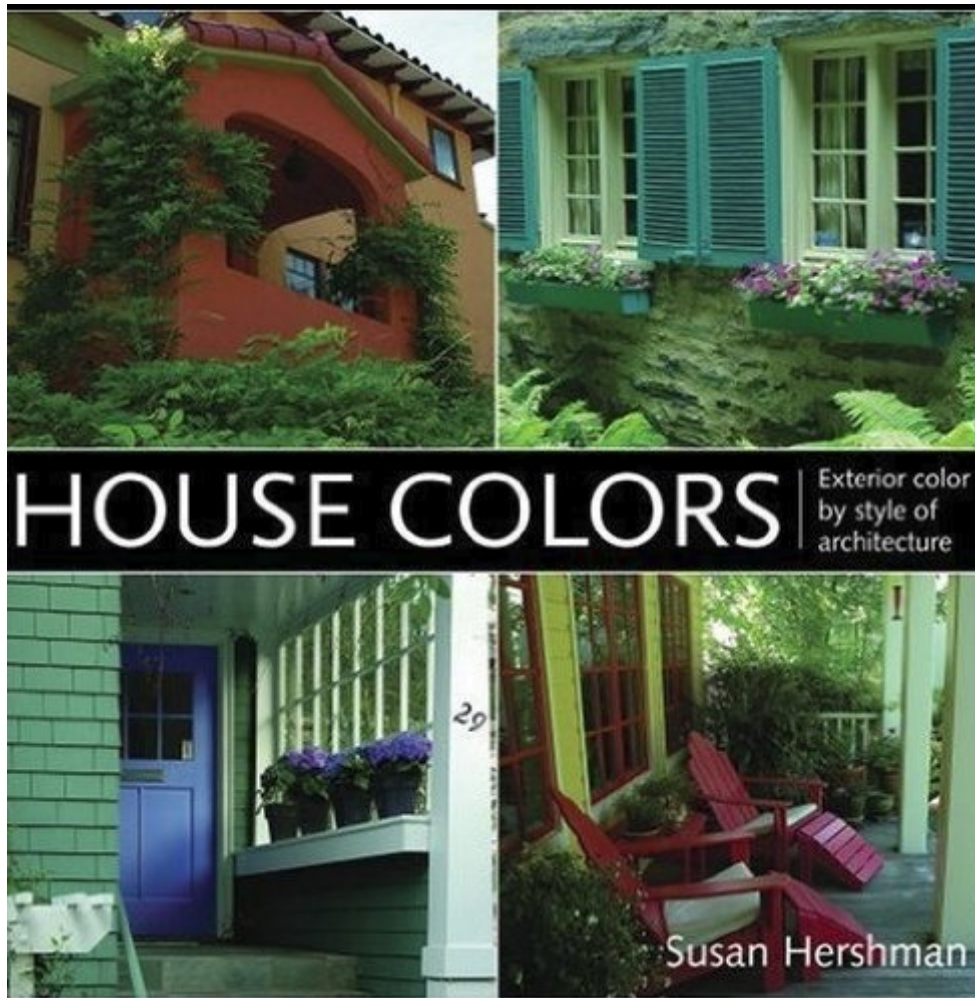




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House Colors: Exterior Color By Style Of Architecture



Synopsis

House Colors is a comprehensive guide that takes the guesswork out of choosing an exterior home color. Selecting paint colors can be overwhelming, and exterior colors are particularly tricky-a house is a very large object to paint, color looks different blown up to a large scale, and colors change dramatically under different light conditions. Now, eliminate painting anxiety with this broad resource that reveals everything you need to know to achieve professional results. Dozens of color combinations, hundreds of homes, and a wealth of overall design information is included.

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Customer Reviews

This is an exceptionally fine book with ideas that will transcend years. it belongs on a coffee table, not a book shelf! It's not just the paint colors that are interesting, the exterior architecture, the landscaping, the ornamental detail discussed are both beautiful and instructive. The final resource chapters are a bonus and a tremendous benefit. This book is well worth the investment.

As soon as you have to pick out a new window for your remodel -- which is usually very early in the

process of remodeling an entire home -- you will run into the question of what color to pick and how it will tie into the outside color of your house and into your landscaping. Most books focus on the design of either the inside or the outside of the house, and while most authors agree on the importance of tying together indoor and outdoor spaces, most leave it at just that and don't show you how. And while I'm not saying this is the only book that bridges the gap between the two areas, it is most certainly the only one I have come across. The book's sole focus on the outside color of the house and the immediate landscaping surrounding the homes has helped me tremendously to develop a design concept to truly connect the inside of my home with the outside. The grouping of the book into house styles has really helped me to understand how to play up certain architectural elements and underscore the given architectural style of our home. And lastly, I have spent countless hours driving around neighborhoods looking at how other people have painted their homes, and the outcome has always been very meager, especially compared to the time put in, so having all this information at your disposal is just priceless!

This helped me SO much. I had already hired a painter to paint my recently purchased house, thinking it would be easy to select colors. It wasn't. This book is not only beautiful and inspiring but it contains so many examples of house color combinations along with the specific paints used. I was able to select an example I liked and give a list of the colors used to the painter. The house looks great and I could not have achieved that result on my own.

Besides being a beautiful book, it's a wonderful reference too. It's the first book I've found that actually includes the paint manufacturer, color numbers and other details helpful in deciding what colors will work well together. I bought this book for my father in law who is an architect, he keeps it on the coffee table in his office for clients to use. Its beautifully photographed of real homes, and I think nearly all styles are represented. The photos are clear and bright. I shared my copy of the book with two neighbors that had little paint patches all over their houses, experimenting with colors. Some of them made me cringe to think I would have to look at that for 20 years! Both times, the book was returned with little flags on many of the pages, now when I look out the window, the homes are pleasant to look at. Bravo Ms. Hershman!

This book definitely exceeded my expectations. It was usefully organized by architectural style and there were many examples from each style. In addition, the author identified all the paint colors and brands, in addition to providing shopping information for many of other exterior details. The basis

information was also helpful to ground one in the theory of color palettes. If you are looking for basic grey or taupe color schemes, then you probably shouldn't bother and should stick to the suggestions in paint manufacturer brochures. This book is very useful for homeowners who are looking for a slightly different look that is still tasteful and looks professional.

I bought this book used via . The listing said it was in very good condition. It arrived in almost new condition. This is a great idea book for deciding what color to paint the outside of homes with plenty of photo examples and details of the actual paint/mfr colors. I believe it has gone out of print. Therefore pick one up before it gets harder to locate.

This is the best reference I have ever seen for exterior colors. The pictures are of real houses, not staged for photography and the book gives you the paint brands and numbers of the colors used on each house. Very very helpful. I found colors to paint my home I would have never thought to consider and I am a decorator. Thank you Susan!

wish it was more user friendly : meaning I wish it had real " median income homes" and different styles.

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