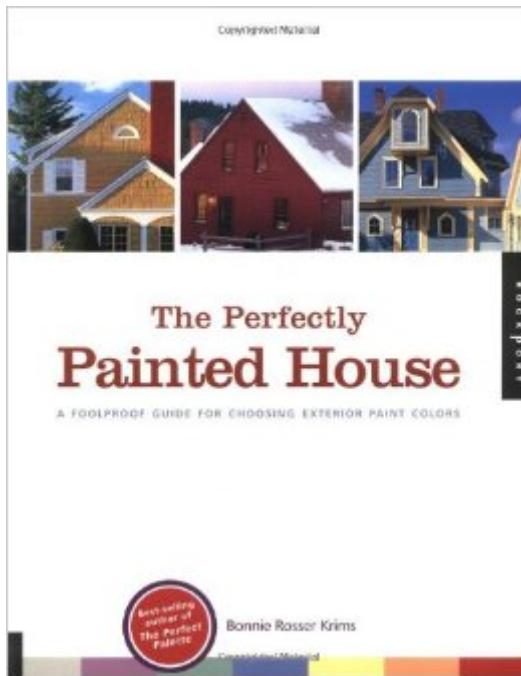


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The Perfectly Painted House: A Foolproof Guide For Choosing Exterior Colors For Your Home



Synopsis

Painting the exterior of a home is a large and costly project - yet homeowners have long been forced to decide on a color scheme based only on a tiny swatch or a paint brochure. Now, nationally recognized color consultant Bonnie Rosser Kirms shares a fool-proof method for selecting and combining exterior paint colors. This unique guidebook presents thirty distinct color schemes - complete with color reference numbers from the major paint manufacturers - along with beautiful, full-color photographs, and ideas and inspiration for painting trim, accent colors, and more. Specific information about working with roof color, plantings, and features such as walkways and porches is also included. From tips on avoiding common and costly pitfalls to a step-by-step plan for getting the results you want, this is every homeowner's key to exquisite color balance for the home exterior.

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Customer Reviews

Anyone using this book as a means by which to choose paint colours, is making a huge mistake. Like most books of this genre, it is candy for the eye - you may be inspired, but to go out and use the same colours as in the book is foolish. The homes featured in this book are mostly country, or traditional. Any paint colour you choose is dramatically influenced by the architecture of your home, the climate in which you live, whether it faces north or south, etc. The homes in this book seem to exist in isolation on snowy plains or country acreage unobstructed by neighbours, power-lines, garages, etc. She does not talk about size at all. For example: a tall skinny home, with little

architectural detail, painted fire engine red will not look nearly as charming as a cosy cottage with heavy moldings and shutters. There is little mention of accent, or trim colours. It is a flimsy read - if you love the idea of a yellow home (as I do) you will only find ONE yellow house. There is only ONE red house. A better book would have shown pictures of 4 or 5 homes, in different styles, painted red, yellow, blue, etc. We're talking about photographs here - why not include more? A better option for house paint ideas is to drive around your neighbourhood, which shares the same light, climate, etc. as your own. Find a few houses you really like, then ask the owners what colour they used.

I bought this book with great anticipation, having heard it was the "bible" of exterior color selection. It may be, if you live in New England or San Francisco. The vast majority of the houses used as examples are Victorian gingerbread, Cape Cod or Colonial. For our California Spanish stucco (an architecture style common in other parts of the country as well), there wasn't a single example that translated. I truly wasn't expecting to see a twin of our house in any book; I WAS expecting recommendations consistent with a much wider range of styles and exterior finishes that would be applicable to far more homeowners across the country, if not around the world. Many of the lovely color schemes that work beautifully on wood would be unattractive and inappropriate on stucco. So pass this by unless the style of your home is the same as the author's bent.

We have been living in Japan for the past 3 years, but are about to move back to our house in the states. We plan to do some major redecorating once we return. We also want to paint the outside of our house a different color. Right now it is off-white. I have the book, *The Perfect Palette*, which I used to choose all the interior colors for my rooms three years ago. I emailed the author asking her to consider publishing a book for exterior paint colors. And here it is! I was so excited to find it on . The book couldn't be nicer. It has large, beautiful photographs of houses that are divided into color chapters. So, if you want a yellow house, you turn to the yellow chapter and flip through page after page of gorgeous yellow houses, all painted in different shades of yellow. And, you get the actual paint number and the brand of paint that was used on every single house in the book. I couldn't believe it. This sure is going to make my job easy and enjoyable. This book gives you everything you could possibly ask for in an exterior paint color guide. It's fantastic!

I am going to have my house painted this spring and have been dreading getting the color right. Then I found this book. Here's the good news: the paint colors are right there in the book with pictures of the painted houses. It's got the answers I was looking for. I think this book could be used

by anyone with any style of house.

This book is really practical, not just some decorator's book with million dollar homes inside. It is a book I can USE about how to choose the colors for the outside of my house. I am looking at spending a lot of money on painting my house, so I wanted to be sure to pick the right colors... This book is just what I wanted. The photos are gorgeous and I can see how colors will actually look on my house. It even has the paint color numbers and suggestions for window, door and shutter colors. I just love it. The problem is, all of the colors in the photos are so beautiful, its hard to choose between them! The "yellow" chapter and the "neutrals" chapter are my favorites. Now I am excited about painting in the spring, instead of being worried. If you are going to paint your house, buy this book.

I am a huge fan of Ms. Kirms book, The Perfect Palette. It is simply the best paint color guide available. It was extremely helpful to me in choosing all the paint colors for my rooms. And the results are amazing. The pages of my book became so worn from use, I had to buy a second copy. I wrote Ms. Kirms several years ago asking if she might do a similar book for exteriors. I was delighted to find that she did. Only this book is even more lovely than the first, with dozens of house photos painted in stunning colors. She makes it so easy to narrow down color choices by dividing all the colors into their own color chapters and then she gives you the paint colors that were used on the houses pictured in the photos. It took only minutes for me to decide to paint my house "Basin Blue" based on the recipe "Blue-gray Cottage". My house isn't the same style as the one pictured in the recipe, but I can clearly see that the colors will look every bit as attractive on my Dutch colonial. This book is a wonderful resource.

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