



Interior Colors

The color trends of past eras featured bold colors in homes. The combination of brilliant woodwork colors and vibrant walls brought rooms alive. Curators and preservationists from Historic New England have worked with other museums and private homeowners from across the country to understand, preserve and recreate the Historic Colors of America.



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Historic Colors of America were selected from hundreds of samples taken from historic buildings and painted objects ranging from folk carvings to elegant corner cupboards. The palette includes both early earth pigments, like Farmhouse Ochre and Codman Claret associated with farmhouses, and the more brilliant colors that became available in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The colors presented are historically accurate for old house owners or those with new homes. Whether you are repainting your Colonial or Federal period home or choosing colors for a Greek Revival, Victorian, Stick-Style or Queen Anne, you'll find the colors in the palette enriching and full of historical character.



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Exterior Colors

What did the colors of the past look like? For many years historians mistakenly assumed that the colors of the past were somber and muted, based on colors that appeared when modern paints were scraped away from old surfaces. However, modern scientific paint research has gradually discovered a vivid palette and surprisingly flamboyant combinations.



Historic New England has won national attention for unlocking the secrets of how paint colors actually looked when new, before time, sunlight and weather altered them.



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