



COLOR

PAIR UP

Give your rooms a polished look from floor to ceiling with these wall-and-trim combos from the pros.

We get it. Picking out a paint color for the walls can be hard enough, so it's no wonder the trim often gets overlooked. But coordinating wall and trim colors can really elevate your rooms' style. Here, local designers share their trusted schemes for creating looks that range from classic to bold. (And yes, you really can break out the red paint.)

—CAROLINE EBERLY LONG



A living room designed by Nadia Watts of Nadia Watts Interior Design



Walls:
Etiquette

(AF-50) by Benjamin Moore
in matte



Trim:
Smoke Gray

(2120-40) by Benjamin Moore
in semigloss

“ This classic with a twist is really livable—you can enjoy the motif throughout your entire home. It looks really updated and current, yet you don't have to commit to too much color. It's something everyone can relate to, but it's not what everyone does.” —Katherine Schroder, Atelier Interior Design



Walls:
Edgecomb Gray

(HC-173) by Benjamin Moore
in eggshell



Trim:
Black

(2132-10) by Benjamin Moore
in semigloss

“ People would normally paint the walls dark and the trim light, but here you're flipping it. The palette is neutral, so it works with art or upholstery in any color, and the black is great for accentuating casework, such as built-ins or bookcases.” —Devon Tobin, Duet Design Group



Walls:
Book Room Red

(No. 50) by Farrow & Ball
in flat



Trim:
White Dove

(OC-17) by Benjamin Moore
in semigloss

“ Using strong colors on walls can be intimidating, but this red [pictured, top] is accessible. It's not too bold, not too soft. It creates a wonderfully calm backdrop for the furniture, fabrics, and accessories and sets the mood before your eye gets to the details.” —Nadia Watts, Nadia Watts Interior Design

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Top tips on how to treat your trim from Duet Design Group.

- 1 Consider the quality of the wood.** If the material is cheap or in disrepair, painting it will help you achieve a polished look.
- 2 Think about your style.** Want the classic Denver Country Club feel? Paint the trim white or gray. More into Mission or Craftsman? Restain the wood or leave it in its original state.
- 3 Outsource restoration work.** Call in a trim carpenter and save yourself the hassle of this time-intensive work. It's an investment in your home—and your sanity.