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## **Choosing Colors With Confidence**

Are you ready to update one or all of the colors in your home, but afraid to venture too far from the safe and neutral grays? Here are a few tips to help you choose new colors with confidence.

- 1. Eliminate the Colors you Don't Want: Decide what you love, then focus only on the colors you are interested in. This will make it easier to reach a final decision.
- 2. Figure out How you Want the Space to Feel: Color evokes emotion, and studies show that color can also impact your mood. Some may make you smile and feel energized while others may help you to exhale and relax. Determine how you'll be using the space and then determine how you want to feel when you're in the room.
- 3. Warm or Cool: With every color there are shades with both warm and cool undertones. Warmer tones create more welcoming spaces while cooler tones feel a bit more crisp yet calming.
- 4. Coordinate with Another Focal Point: If you have a rug or painting that will be staying in the space, this can be a great place to pull your new color from. You don't have to match it exactly, but you can find a shade that coordinates beautifully.
- 5. Try a Smaller Space First: If you're still feeling nervous, start with a powder room and have a little fun with it. Live with it for a while to see how it really feels. Change can take time to adjust to, but you may also find yourself loving a color you never imagined possible.

If you're still feeling a little uncertain, give us a call. Our color consultant has an M.A. in Interior Architecture and Design and the consultation is a complementary service provided with any project you complete with us.