



designing ways

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Color is the most exciting, the most immediately noticeable and least expensive element in interior design.

Different combinations of colors can make the same room seem to say welcome or appear very impersonal.

The effect of color can be warm or cool, restful or stimulating. The choice we make when decorating is both central to our moods and the impression our home makes on the people who frequent it.

Some people are able to carry a color around in their head and match or blend absolutely. They

are fortunate because they can look at a room and instantly know what is suitable.

Others have to work at developing that sense. To do that they look at pleasurable combinations and consciously analyze the make-up of colors within that image.

Yellow is one of my favorite colors because it makes me think of sunlight, daffodils, gold, and spring flowers. It is a happy color. Yellow is, of course, a primary color along with blue and red. When combined these three produce purple. So it is important when mixing these colors, whether in wallpaper or fabric

to stand away from either to make sure the mix of colors doesn't create another color completely.

Yellow and orange are next to each other on the color wheel and should not be used together in equal amounts in a decorating scheme or they will cancel each other out.

Yellow accents are instant fresheners — revivers. Brilliant yellow walls will provide a vibrant contrast to a navy and white room. It is a particularly good accent color — brightening and illuminating almost any color from white, neutrals, tawny browns to blacks and

the full range of blues, rose, pinks and reds.

Many people feel more comfortable with a neutral background because they find grays, beiges, creams and buffs restful. They may also feel there is less chance of a mistake with subtle colors.

These same background colors will become marvelously alive with yellow and white accents. Buff and beiges will have ring when accented with a bowl of yellow roses or chrysanthemums.

In short yellow is an instant livening agent. The next column will be devoted to what colors can do for you and your home.

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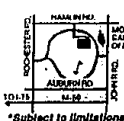
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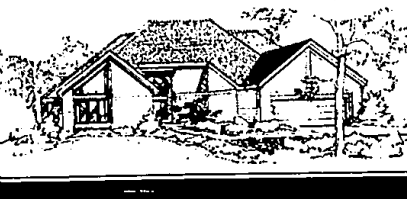
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