

# Coordinating

## Tips offered on how to paint, what to wear

Q: We're making a considerable effort to renovate an old house situated on a fairly narrow lot. Previous owners made a lot of additions and the house doesn't have a distinctive style. We would like to paint our house in a color other than white, but can't visualize how a color would look from the small chips provided by paint companies. Should we take into consideration our neighbor's houses? One neighbor's house is brick with white trim, the other neighbor has his house painted a grayed Colonial blue with cream trim. What do you suggest?

... select a soft, warm ("yellow-cast") beige or dull gold in at least a middle or even a darker value, and use a lighter version of the same color for the trim.

A: You should definitely take into consideration your neighbor's houses, as well pick colors to enhance the appearance of your own house. My suggestion is to select a soft, warm ("yellow-cast") beige or dull



all about color  
**Helen Diane Vincent**

gold in at least a middle or even a darker value, and use a lighter version of the same color for the trim. The darker color for the larger areas will optically blend the additions to the house while the lighter trim will provide a structural theme the house might be lacking.

A number of paint companies have the colors I'm talking about. Pittsburgh Paint, for example, carries the color among their Historic Colors in the shade called Golden Maple, or Gold Dust.

To help you visualize your color selection, you might turn to Benjamin Moore's Video Color Planner. With this video setup, you can see what your color choice looks like on a picture of a house similar to your own. If you want a more exact idea, Benjamin Moore — for an additional fee — will transfer a picture of your house to video screen, for you to position colors of your choice. Fancy

Color Paints in Troy has just such a video planner, one of the very few in this area.

But one word of caution: you still have to adjust the color from the video screen to your house because of the difference in light reflectivity between the luminous screen and an actual pigment. Also, let me remind you that color always appears brighter translated from a small swatch to a larger area, so you might have to adjust slightly darker and grayer to get the suitable color.

Q: I'm 28 years old, fair-complexioned, with dark auburn hair. I am quite definitely overweight but still like to dress to the latest fashions. The latest fall colors, such as citron, a sharp yellow-green, and orange look good to me, especially when shown with black. However, I've no-

ticed that many of the higher-priced ones don't show that color in their lines. Can you explain this as well as give me advice on what colors will look best on me?

A: As you have observed, the fashion world is segmented along many different lines. The most critical distinction is the one that separates the conservative, quality apparel from mainstream fashion that is quick to pick up on "trendy" styles and colors, usually to drop them a season or so later.

Particularly in your case, I would buy fewer garments in more expensive, and more subtle colors than try to run with the crowd and its sharp citrons. It's not flattering to most skin tones anyway. More expensive apparel lines often initiate color trends, but these so-called fashion colors are only a small part of well-thought-out colors that have stood the test of time.

As you continue to look at the choices available, begin to understand the distinction between fashion and style. In developing your own sense of style, you'll find colors that basically enhance you and leave a nice, lasting impression.

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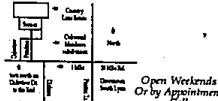
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### BLOOMFIELD - \$360,000

5215 Kingsgate Way, S. of Line 10, W. of Telegraph. Located from the heart of the city, this home is in the peaceful wooded setting. Custom built 4 bedroom, 2 bath Spanish style. Seller motivated.

### CLARKSTON - \$87,900

5341 Franklin, Open 2-5 Sunday. Beautifully updated, traditional Cape Cod with white picket fence. Front view of home looks like it came off a Christmas card. Updates include windows, doors, deck, siding, furnace, electrical, bathroom, carpet. Two car garage, fireplace, family room.

### COMMERCIAL - \$314,900

2786 Grandview Dr. N. of Richardson, W. of Union Lake. 17600 SQ. FT. CONSTRUCTION. Fine Cove Villas, romantic wooded lot with 3,000 sq. ft. of luxury, four bedroom (1st floor master), 3 1/2 baths and 3 car garage. Contemporary. Lower State Lake privileges.

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### HIGHLAND TWP. - \$109,500

4900 Sherrin, Open 2-5 Sunday. Intimate appealing 3 bed, 1 bath, 1 1/2 level. Built in 1980. Great family neighborhood. Home is in immaculate condition.

### LATHRUP VILLAGE - \$115,000

18181 Cambridge, N. of I-65, W. of Southfield. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod. Great room has fireplace, den has built in bookcases, kitchen has new hardwood floors. Finished basement with fireplace. Attached garage. A pleasure to see.

### MADISON HEIGHTS - \$74,900

1453 Fortaine, N. of I-65, W. of Dearborn. Sharp 3 bedroom ranch with fireplace and patio. Newer furnace, hot water tank and central air. Landscaped school.

### MADISON HEIGHTS - \$55,900

1800 S. of I-65, E. of Dearborn. Best value in the city. 4 bedroom bungalow with endless list of new improvements including roof, bath and drive.

### OAKLAND TWP. - \$89,900

1700 Lakeside, N. of I-65, W. of Livonia. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Located in quiet country setting, in area of \$400,000 plus homes. Natural spring in front of property, possible pond, backs to Codd Creek.

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6400 Franklin, Open 2-5 Sunday, N. of Canton, W. of I-65. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Located in quiet country setting, in area of \$400,000 plus homes. Natural spring in front of property, possible pond, backs to Codd Creek.

### OXFORD - \$204,000

448 Harwood. Contemporary lake front home 2290 sq. ft. of beautiful lake front on Spring Lake. Large 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial with 3 car garage. New kitchen, carpet and paint. Owner motivated.

### PONTIAC - \$52,000

70 Genesee. Sharp 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Colonial. New carpet, very clean, 2 car garage. Nice home.

### ROCHESTER - \$140,000

410 Grace, Open 2-5 Sunday. Great family home. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath Colonial built in 1950. Quality built with Andersen windows, bay windows, natural brick.

### ROCHESTER - \$59,900

2781 Ardmore, N. of Auburn, E. of Crooks. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath. Ranch Great rental property, leased for 1, possibly 2 years.

### ROCHESTER HILLS - \$149,900

1847 Haleside, Open 2-5 Sunday. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Colonial in Fairview Farms. Home on 1/2 acre lot. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath Colonial. Rustic country charm with hardwood floors throughout. Private in-law suite with kitchen and bath. Fantastic lot with landscaping stream plus inground pool.

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### WATERFORD - \$89,900

4050 Cass Elizabeth Lake Road, N. of Cass Elizabeth, W. of Cass Lake. Great family neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath ranch. Beautiful finished basement with 4th bedroom and 1 1/2 bath. Large living room. Elizabeth Lake privileges.

### WATERFORD - \$121,900

4634 Lore, Open 2-5 Sunday, N. of Dixie, off Shoreline to Haleside. Lake privileges on Woodloch Lake. Beautifully landscaped 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Tudor. Large modern kitchen, family room with fireplace.

### WEST BLOOMFIELD - \$199,900

5715 Sunnyside, N. of Wanda Lake, W. of I-65. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Located in quiet country setting, in area of \$400,000 plus homes. Natural spring in front of property, possible pond, backs to Codd Creek.

### WEST BLOOMFIELD - \$209,000

5625 Stratford, S. of Wanda, W. of Farmington. Even lot 4 bedroom, 2 bath exclusive colonial. Family room with wet bar, gourmet kitchen, inground heated pool. Loaded with luxury features.

### WEST BLOOMFIELD - \$179,900

7650 Ashburnton Court, N. of I-65, E. of Haggerty. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath Contemporary ranch. Dual car garage. Fully appointed kitchen, fully appointed no-outlet sub. First floor laundry, fully appointed kitchen, fireplace, central air, newer carpet and more.

### WEST BLOOMFIELD

27012 Twelve Mile Road, S. of Willow, E. of Kent. Gorgeous Green Lake "Lakeland" Cape Cod. Four bedrooms (1st floor master), 3 baths, huge Florida room with awesome view. Don't miss this on the way!

### CONDOS

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS - \$75,500

4113 Telegraph, Bldg. C, Unit 223, S. of Long Lake Road. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, fully appointed kitchen. Upper floor unit.

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