

More unexpected color combos

AS THESE SURPRISING PAIRINGS PROVE, LOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS CAN WORK TOGETHER



Lacquer Red + Black

This bold accent wall, designed by Plain & Fancy Custom Cabinetry, pairs colors of equal intensity, bright on top, dark below. To keep all that red from looking like a serving station in a Chinese restaurant, the company added carbon-black cabinets that would be at home in a formal dining room. Pale flooring, a stainless-steel countertop, and a red-and-white mosaic-tile backsplash also help bring the temperature down to a simmer.

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Plum + Mint

The owners of this traditional-looking kitchen, in Alexandria, Virginia, liked the flavor that mint green would give their cabinets but realized that doing all of them in one color would be "too pastel-bright and monotonous," says their kitchen designer, Eric Lieberknecht. So they decided to add deep plum to two sets of upper cabinets and tone down both colors with brown-tinted glaze. Wire-and-pebbled-glass fronts add to the upper cabinets' distinction and make them focal points. Unifying the wood ceiling beams, stainless-steel appliances, and painted cabinets are brownish-green limestone countertops and mossy-brown painted shelves.

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Taupe Gray + Pistachio Green

Gray is fast becoming a popular choice for kitchen cabinets, and in this Washington, D.C., kitchen, designer Jennifer Gilmer and architect Jerry Harpole used it to define the cooking and cleanup areas. Then they had the custom cabinetmaker paint the island and a curved hutch a soft green picked up by the backsplash tile. The Costa Esmeralda granite countertops tie the two colors together with the stone's greenish-gray and grayish-green flecks.

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Pistachio Ice Cream Glidden

Smooth Stone Glidden



Periwinkle + White

The violet-tinged blue in this Conway, Arkansas, kitchen was matched to a set of vintage mixing bowls. Designer Raelynn Callaway used it to create a blue-and-white-backdrop for hardworking appliances and white quartz countertops. But instead of arraying the colors in upper and lower cabinet rows, she used vertical columns of color to add an interesting rhythm as your eye travels around the room.

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Cosmos Sherwin-Williams

Extra White Sherwin-Williams



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