

The 21 Best White Paint Colors, According to Top Designers

From bedroom walls to kitchen cabinets and trim, designers share their go-to white paint colors for every room.



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White might be the most common neutral paint color, but that doesn't mean it has to be boring. The right shade of white paint can make a big impact in any room. After all, not all whites are exactly the same; each has a unique undertone, which often becomes more apparent once it's applied to the wall.

White paint can also trick the eye in a way that isn't always ideal. This is particularly true in bathrooms, says Mel Bean of [Mel Bean Interiors](#). "It's the one room where you really need to be careful. When placed next to a white freestanding tub, or white furniture, many white paints can suddenly reveal their color depths, appearing more yellow or blue or green in comparison to the tub." Always paint a large test patch—about three feet square—before deciding on the best white paint color for any room.

Whether you need to paint an entire home, a room, or even just a bit of trim, here's a cheat sheet from top interior designers who were more than happy to weigh in on what they think are the best white paint colors for every room in the home.



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1 Living Room: Chantilly Lace by Benjamin Moore

Interior designer [Anne Hepfer](#) loves Chantilly Lace. “This is one of my favorite shades of white because it is just white enough without being too stark. It is crisp yet soft with warm tones.”

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2 Living Room: Cloud White by Benjamin Moore

Hepfer characterizes this paint color as ethereal and soft. “It’s a timeless shade of white that works to either modernize or pare down a space without making it seem too sterile.”

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3 Living Room: Strong White by Farrow & Ball

According to [Caroline Grant](#) and [Dolores Suarez](#) of [Dekar Design](#), Strong White is the perfect neutral white paint color. “It does not have pink or yellow undertones but has a softness that is needed in a true white. When people think of white, they think that sterile hospital white, but Strong White is one that is soft and has depth.”



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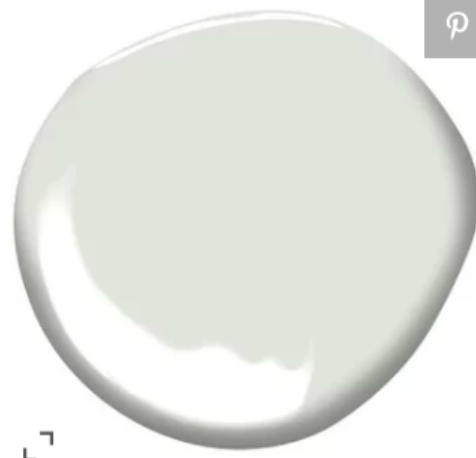


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4 Living Room: Paper White by Benjamin Moore

This color is a soft white with a hint of gray. “It is our go-to ‘happy white’ that brightens a room and adds a subtle contrast with trim and doors,” Grant and Suarez say.

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5 Kitchen: Creamy by Sherwin Williams

“With so many surfaces and materials in a kitchen, going neutral on the walls is your best bet,” says interior designer [Glenna Stone](#). This color is slightly off-white, making it pair nicely with white kitchens and wood tones as well as colored cabinets.

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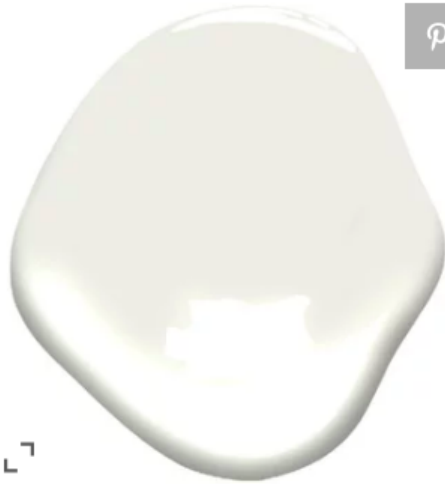
6 Kitchen: Swiss Coffee by Benjamin Moore

“If you have all white cabinets in a kitchen, Swiss Coffee is the perfect choice for your walls because it has a depth to it that complements other shades of white. Kitchens tend to get a lot of natural light, so you don’t want the walls to get too stark,” says [Krissa DeGennaro Wichser](#), owner and designer of [Blue Octagon Interiors](#) and home furnishings boutique [The Blue Octagon](#).

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7 Kitchen: Vanilla Milkshake by Benjamin Moore

“Vanilla Milkshake is hands down my favorite white,” says interior designer Lisa Gilmore of [Lisa Gilmore Design](#). “It doesn’t dive too deep into the gray or beige world, it’s truly a hybrid of both. I have paired it with dark contrasting trims and cabinets and also lighter tones. Every time I am always happy.” Gilmore loves this

color for its versatility and says it’s the best white paint for kitchen cabinets.

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8 Dining Room: Moonshine by Benjamin Moore

“While the swatch does lean a little more gray than white, with the right amount of sunlight and pairing it with other whites, this color definitely has chameleon tendencies to read more white,” Gilmore says. “I love this color with navy blues and silvery grays. It is incredibly refreshing.”



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9 Dining Room: Simply White by Benjamin Moore

Among interior designers, Simply White is the most popular white paint color from Benjamin Moore. According to Brittany Marom, founder of [Brittany Marom Interior Design](#), “It looks beautiful in all rooms, especially low natural light rooms as it keeps the space airy.” Bean says this hue has less warmth, “but it doesn’t feel cold or severe.” It’s also a favorite of Wichser, who uses it to paint lacquered walls.

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10 Bathroom: Frostine by Benjamin Moore

Wichser likes to use Frostine in the bathroom because it has a blue-green undertone. "It makes things feel fresh and spa-like," she says.

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11 Bathroom: Lacey Pearl by Benjamin Moore

Stone's go-to bathroom color is Lacey Pearl. "It is light, subtle, and keeps things bright and simple. It's also a color that pairs nicely with a variety of faucet metal tones. Whether you are into polished nickel or brass, this shade will look and feel great," she says.

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12 Master Bedroom: Cabbage White by Farrow & Ball

Stone loves the cool tones in Cabbage White for a master bedroom because it has a relaxing and calming vibe. "Hands down, Cabbage White is the best white with a hint of blue," she says.

"Research has shown that [blue is the best color for sleep](#), and this color is a subtle way of incorporating the hue."

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13 Bedroom: White Dove by Benjamin Moore

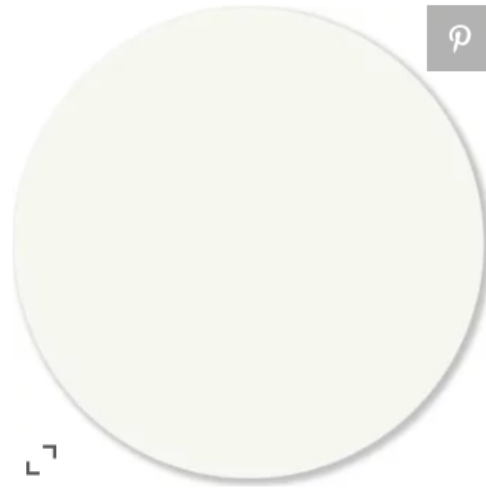
White Dove is a popular favorite of interior designers. Wichser primarily recommends this white paint color for bedrooms because it has a serene and welcoming quality. Bean notes this hue is warm “without feeling yellow or tan,” while Marom says it has a “pinch of cream.”

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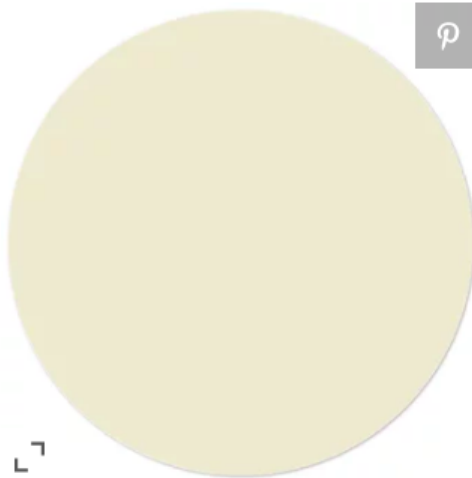
14 Bedroom: All White by Farrow & Ball

“All White sets a very crisp background to everything we are displaying for clients and the pigment is so clean and clear,” says Jess Cooney of [Jess Cooney Interiors](https://www.jesscooneyinteriors.com). It’s also a great color for painting shiplap.

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15 Kids Room: New White by Farrow & Ball

Cooney recently used this color to paint a young girl’s room in a country home. “We used a black iron bed and soft neutral tones but then layered with burnt oranges and pinks and hints of teal. The color combinations and mix of youthful yet sophisticated palettes created a space that the young girl won’t outgrow for a very long

time.”

To buy: From \$110; [farrow-ball.com](https://www.farrow-ball.com).

16 Home office: White Flour by Sherwin Williams

“The hint of warmth in this color keeps your space creative, productive, and energized. It also allows for fun color accents in artwork or desk accessories that fit your style,” Stone says.

To buy: From \$42; [sherwinwilliams.com](https://www.sherwinwilliams.com).



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17 Home Office: Wevet by Farrow & Ball

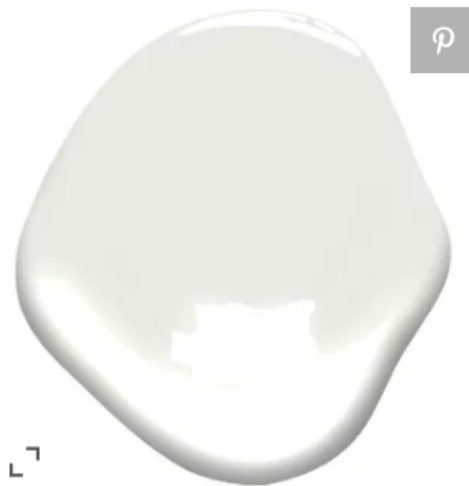
“Wevet is a great choice in a home office because it has a hint of gray that contrasts really well with dark wood that you might have on a desk or your floors,” Wichser says.

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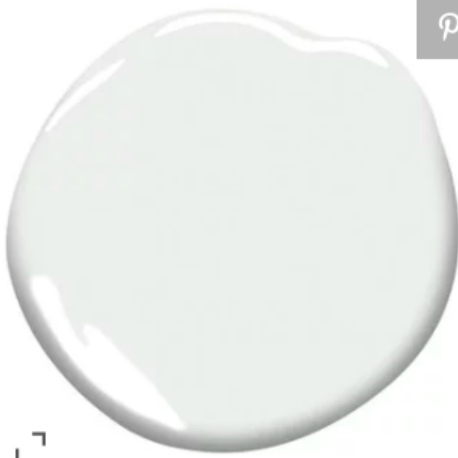
18 Trim: Winter White by Benjamin Moore

Cooney says this color is ideal if you aren't looking for a bright clean white, but rather something that will be quieter on the trim. “This white has a hint of gray in it that can be very moody and tone down the trim,” she says.

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19 Trim: Decorator's White by Benjamin Moore

Marom always uses this color for trim, ceilings, and woodwork. If you're looking for the best white paint for trim, you can't go wrong with Decorator's White.

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20 All Rooms: Frost by Behr

Susan Bunting, director of marketing for consumer solutions at Datacolor, which makes [ColorReader](#), a device that matches any color to a corresponding paint shade, says Frost by Behr is one of the most popular white paint colors searched for on the app.

To buy: \$24; [homedepot.com](https://www.homedepot.com).



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21 All Rooms: Wedding Veil by Benjamin Moore

According to Bunting, Wedding Veil also ranks highly on the ColorReader app. She says this is because the color has a relaxing quality.

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