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The Power of Color

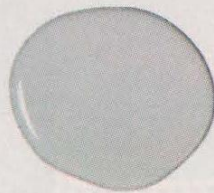


ORANGE

For rooms in need of a dose of drama, rich pumpkin, copper, and terra-cotta are pushing aside classic reds as the pursued hues. Pantone, the influential color consulting firm, made it official by naming a bright tangerine-orange this year's number one color. Today's oranges can create a big welcome in a small foyer, pull together a sprawling living room, or give a kick to a walk-in closet. Our picks start with a soft version of tangerine. To see the rest of *TOH's* 2012 palette, turn the page.

GRAY

For years, warm beige and linen white were the default choices of many a homeowner. But gray is gaining ground as the go-to neutral. Part of its appeal may lie in its ability to showcase other colors—picture persimmon accent pillows on gray upholstery. Gray also complements Carrara marble, stainless steel, and nickel in otherwise white kitchens and baths. Gray can be misty, moody, steely, or warm. Witness these *TOH* picks.



SILVER QUILL

GLIDDEN

This clean gray has lots of light in it, so it doesn't feel dull or muddy. It sits nicely next to white fixtures and nickel fittings and, as shown here, provides a great foil for crisp green and black.