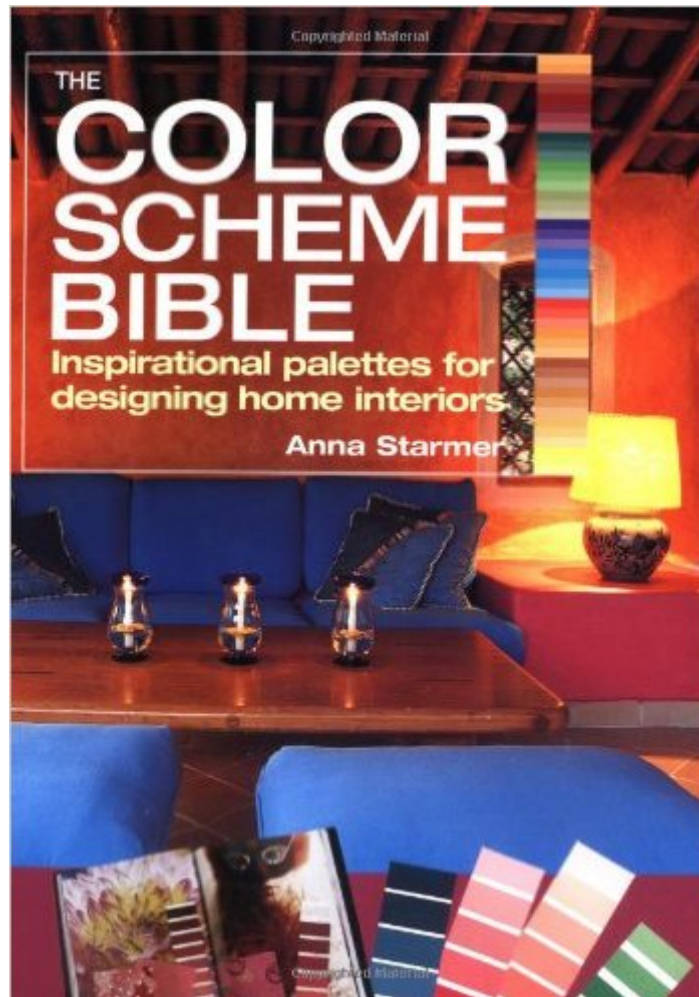


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The Color Scheme Bible: Inspirational Palettes For Designing Home Interiors



Synopsis

A practical guide to using color successfully. The power of color is its ability to influence mood, create atmosphere, and enhance perception. As a result, one of the most effective ways to transform any room is by changing its color. Which colors to use is the challenge. The Color Scheme Bible is a practical, yet inspiring reference for those who want to take advantage of different colors without clashing. It contains 150 color scheme ideas for home decorators and interior designers. The book explains how to choose colors that will complement each other for a subdued effect, and which colors and combinations will energize the room. Topics covered include: How color creates ambiance and atmosphere Using color to give a small room the illusion of space and depth How to create the feeling of warmth and light with color Distinctive color schemes inspired by nature, art, travel and even a favorite possession. The book also includes a variety of color combination palettes that can be used with different materials for refreshingly original color schemes. The Color Scheme Bible is an essential handbook for home decorators and interior designers.

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Customer Reviews

I have always had problems deciding what color combinations worked well together. So when I read a review about this book in my local paper I decided that this book might help. It has helped me visualize the color combinations I am considering for my master bedroom remodel. I now can pick a wall color & see at a glance what other colors will complement it, rather than just relying on my

rather questionable "eye for color". It helps make the remodeling & redecoration process easier & definitely more fun for anyone who is color challenged!! I also like wire bound page format of this book. This makes it easy to keep pages open to the one's you are looking at & I feel that it will maintain its like new condition even after years of use.

This is a spiral bound book so it lies flat for convenient reference. It has an excellent introduction touching on the basics of color theory, but the main body of the book consists of palettes. There is a main color covering most of the page, with bands of two accent and two highlight colors superimposed on the main color. There is descriptive text giving the inspiration behind the palette and suggestions for how the colors might be used in the room. The book is divided into color sections (reds, yellow, etc.), with each section having around 20 different palettes. I must have checked 50 books on color in interior decorating out of the library, and this is the one I bought.

This book gives you a large number of (trendy) ready made palettes all with kitchy names (some might find the names inspiring). Pick one palette, apply and you're done. Not bad if that is what you are looking for, but I found it quite limiting. If you are looking for something in more depth I can recommend *Choosing Colors: An Expert Choice of the Best Colors to Use in Your Home*. Its palettes have a larger number of colours so you get more flexibility in choosing. That whole book has a more serious tone and content. Its palettes come from nature or historical time so they are not necessarily trendy. Just bear in mind that using this book is going to be much more time consuming since there are so many choices. The benefit is hopefully going to be a more unique design. It all depends on what kind of person you are and how much time you can devote to colour choices! Good luck!

This book is more useful as a general resource than as a source for specific color help. Another reviewer said that this book would work better if you had a "blank slate," and I agree. If you have white walls and need inspiration, this book has innovative color combinations that could lead to very interesting interiors. You might find yourself thinking things like, "I never knew orange and green could work together," etc. However, if you already have a particular color in mind, this book can be somewhat difficult. For example, if you have decided to paint your walls gray and wonder how red might work as an accent color, you will need to look elsewhere, as the book makes no mention of this particular combination. There is also no clear illustration of a color scheme with violet as the dominant color and yellow as its accent. This book could be helpful to decorators who want to give

their clients an idea of a color scheme or to people who want to make a complete color scheme change and need some ideas. However, it's less helpful for people who have a dominant color in mind and just need some guidance with possible secondary or accent colors. As another reviewer said, it would also be helpful to see photographs of the book's color schemes. Some are so unusual (wood blue walls with plum accents) that it would be fun and helpful to see them in actual rooms.

Wow! This is probably one of the best purchases I can say I've made in a long time (and I make a lot of purchases!). I am a Graphic Designer and I have a Home Staging and Redesign business as well. I bought this for the Home Staging business as a tool to use with clients who need additional help visualizing and conveying their idea of colors and tonal ranges. It has been a life saver! I have used it with everyone so far and they all comment on what a great item it is to have with the business and to help communicate with customers. This book screams BUY ME!!! You won't regret it.

As a practising colour consultant I find this resource excellent when working with new clients. It provides a visual shorthand of different types of schemes, and, unlike many books on colour, gives specific and often quite good, examples of how to use accent colours in soft furnishings etc It saves me a lot of time on the job and helps clients consider colour scheme choices they may never have entertained. A little over-the-top for Australian homes, but overall useful and worth the dollars.

Just super. Book is easy to use - helps you break out of the ordinary - truly inspirational. Frequently get asked by friends to borrow the book and they always get the help they need. One of the best resources I own.

Yes, we all want to paint our room some vibrant color, but do we have a clue as to what the complementing colors are ? well , I for one have no idea.. and this book helped out a lot. It lets you pick a color from the first two pages and then leads you to the colors that accent the color you have picked. It also explains the color in detail giving you the mood it stimulates, and gives tips on what kind of colors to pick for bathrooms, kitchens, etc. Overall, Great book , I am still using it while I paint the rooms in my house.

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