

# Decorator's Notebook

## Regional Color Palettes Inspired by Your Favorite Destinations

(NAPSA)—When choosing a paint palette for your home, you may find that the colors you prefer are influenced by the outdoor environments you enjoy spending time.

Whether it's the city skyline or the soft shades of a pleasing landscape, you are naturally drawn to paint colors you recognize from your favorite places. The use of regional color palettes allows you to evoke the feel of a certain location by grouping ideal complementary colors.

According to color expert Dee Schlotter for The Voice of Color, PPG Pittsburgh Paints, through a concept known as synesthesia, people develop automatic responses to colors based on past experiences, causing every color to convey a unique emotion.

What is your dream vacation? If your mind conjures up images of a getaway to the lakes, beaches and vineyards of the Great Lakes of Michigan, then you may prefer the quiet colors in the landscape, represented by shades like *Rendezvous*, a graceful blue; and *Soleil*, a sandy beige.

Or does a trip to Charleston, South Carolina, to explore the city's historic homes and architectural landmarks sound more appealing? If so, you might like to bring the beauty of Charleston's Southern grace and style to your design with the rosy pink shade of *Withers Mansion* or *Parade Deck*, a grassy green.

How about a trip to Nashville, Tennessee, to experience the bright, lively cityscapes? Nashville's landscape is enveloped in colors that will excite your senses, such as *Tiger Tail*, a bright



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orange; and *Forsythia Blossom*, an exuberant yellow.

Whatever your dream vacation looks like, regional color palettes, such as those found in *The Voice of Color* collections, can provide you with the ability to reflect color schemes from around the world and allow you to appreciate faraway settings in your own living space.

### Tips

- If you appreciate colors outside your home, then you will probably also like decorating with them.

- Sometimes, looking at colors in groupings helps you find the vision you are trying to express.

- Regional color palettes allow you to bring colors from outside in, helping to recreate the feeling of favorite outdoor spots.

- The unique color schemes of each region often provide ideal complementary colors, offering the natural look each geographic area is known for.

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