

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Transforming A Room From The Ceiling Down

(NAPSA)—People are often floored by the dramatic effect a ceiling can have on a room. Designers say the right ceiling can completely alter the look and feel of most any space and make rooms feel more spacious or cozy.

Traditionally, white is the most commonly used color for ceilings. This is because it reflects light very well, and—let's face it—white goes with just about everything. Just keep in mind that leaving the ceiling white after painting the walls with color can sometimes make a room appear unfinished. So what's the best color for your ceiling and how can you paint ceilings in your home? Try these tips from the experts:

- If using white, choose a shade that will work with the room and the rest of the room's décor. There are many different types of whites—from subtly warm, to cooler and more blue-based. A bluer white may be ideal for a bathroom, while a warmer white might be an excellent choice for a bedroom.

- To add a little unexpected drama, consider painting the ceiling a color that contrasts with the color of the walls. Adding just a touch of color to a ceiling can bring a certain intimacy—and give the space a much more finished and refined look.

- To give an illusion of space to a room with a low ceiling or to add a feeling of coziness to rooms with higher ceilings, follow the eight-



**The Fifth Wall—The look of a ceiling can change the character of a room.**

foot rule. If the room has ceilings that are eight-feet high or less, paint the ceiling a shade or two lighter than the color of the walls. If the ceilings are more than eight-feet high, paint them a shade or two darker than the wall color. Then finish the room with crown molding painted the same color as the walls, but in a glossier sheen.

- Use paint specifically formulated for ceilings. For instance, BEHR Premium Plus Ceiling Paint is spatter resistant and hides surface imperfections. It can be tinted in any color and delivers a long-lasting and durable finish.

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