

10 of the best black paint shades and ideas as chosen by designers

Choosing the best black paint can be daunting – you've already made the bold decision to go dark, but with so many variants on 'black' where do you even start? Might we suggest here...



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Decided it's time to join the dark side? Black is enigmatic, stylish, and timeless agreed, but choosing the best black paint can be a bit of a minefield with so much choice out there. You've made the bold decision to embrace the trend for dark interiors but what undertones do you go for? What finish? Where should you be using this dramatic hue?

Luckily, we've asked the experts and pulled together a guide to black paint so you know exactly what shade to look out for and where best in your home to use it. Black [paint ideas](#) may seem slightly unconventional but it's a color that has a lot of give – it can make any home, no matter its square footage seem chic and elevated.

5. HAVE A LIGHT AND DARK THEME



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The high-contrast opposites of black and white have long been favored by designers – there is artistic purity and inherent glamour in this combo. Also, incorporating white in a dark room makes things feel brighter in a snap.

If you want your bathroom to look airier, then go for an all-white space that incorporates small infusions of black, like seen in the photo above. In this [back and white bathroom](#), the similar-toned frame on the mirrors, the cabinet, and vanity drawers are enough to make the space pop. Another way of adding a hint of black in the bathroom is by swapping all the fixtures for matte black. You could add [subway tiles](#) with black grouting and keep the space easy and breezy. This bathroom features the [Sherwin Williams 7069 IRON ORE](#) paint color.