

# Lavish Interiors

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## You've painted. Now what? How to pick window treatments to compliment your new color scheme.

So, you've finished the hard work of painting, taping, and touching up your walls. Now you're left to decorate with your new color palette. Choosing window coverings for a newly painted space can leave you stumped for a solution.

To help make the process of decorating your space easier, I want to take the stress off: choosing a drape, new pillow, or paint color is not a lifetime commitment. If you don't like something, it's easy to change.

Now that you have the monkey off your back let's get started. These tips always help me pick out the perfect window accessories to compliment my rooms.

### First things first.

Before you start buying curtains, decide what you like. Browse design magazines and cut out rooms with shades and colors similar to your own. What type or color of window treatments do they use? What you you like/dislike about the room? When you have this information, you'll be less likely to make a bad choice.



### Gone bold? (image to the left)

If you've painted your room a bold color (either really bright or dark), consider introducing window treatments with large patterns and different colors. Choosing a pattern serves to break up the paint color and provide a point of interest for the eye. Don't be afraid to choose curtains with colors that don't match your walls. The combination will create an eclectic, bohemian effect.

### Monochromatic is nice. (image to the right)

If you're looking for a peaceful retreat, choosing a monochromatic color scheme might be up your alley. Not only does this type of room provide a sense of symmetry and flow, but it can make a small room appear larger. The key, in this case, is to choose window



treatments that are within two shades of your wall color. If you hang a pastel blue in a dark blue room, for instance, you lose the effect and the space becomes disjointed.

### Check out the undertones.

The undertone of a paint color is the hue you'd see if you spread the paint very thinly. For instance, green paint might have a yellow or blue undertone, whereas a purple could have a blue or red base color. You can take advantage of this undertone and play it up by choosing curtains or shades in the undertone color. Another possibility is choosing the window treatment for its undertones. Have an orange room? You might choose wood blinds with an orange undertone to compliment the color.



### Complimentary colors

Complimentary colors are those which are found on opposite ends of the color wheel (think red and green, blue and orange, or purple and yellow). When paired, these colors highlight the other, so each look their best.

### Still at a loss?

If you're still stuck when it comes to choosing the best window treatments for your space, don't stress out. There are many interior designers who can help you with your space. Even better, you can always give me a call: I'll bring window treatments to your home and we can figure out the best solution for your newly painted space.

Picking the right window coverings does not need to be difficult. With the tips above, I hope you've generated some ideas.