What color should I paint my front door?

Learn how to choose the best front door colors for your house with this helpful guide by color expert Kate Smith.

Try these colors...

If your siding is white...

Deep red, the color of old Chinese lacquer, draws in the eye and says, "Welcome."

Elegant and grand, the contrast of black on white emerges.

Go a bit brighter and more affecting than dark navy with a tried-andtrue marine blue. Teal—green with a hint of blue—looks like a gorgeous jewel on the front of your home.

If your siding is gray...

Buttery yellow adds a warm, friendly glow to your entry.

A deep, almost-brown bronze reflects well-aged beauty and is an unexpected yet classic color.

Orange is a vibrant color that commands attention and creates the perfect punctuation for the front of a home.

A flirty, violet hue instantly updates traditional color creating a trendier home front.

If your siding is brick...

Black, a classic choice for the front door, becomes a standout when freshly painted in a high-gloss finish. A deep, rich shade of brown has a staying power that traverses trends and feels solid. Classic warm gray steps out of the shadows to beautifully stand on its own.

Spruce green is so dark it may be mistaken for black—until the daylight hits and reveals its rich color.

If your siding is natural...

Olive green is a nod to nature that feels at home against the texture of natural siding. A tropical blue wakes up natural woods and neutral surroundings, adding a splash of energy on the door. With its energetic tone, tangerine gives a sense of playfulness to an otherwise neutral home. Sophisticated deep purple breaks out of its noble bonds and dances along the edge where trendy meets timeless.

If your siding is beige...

A touch of burgundy adds mystery to traditional red, and welcomes people to your home. A bright blue has modern appeal, yet feels rooted in something familiar and nostalgic.

Soft blue-green, the color of copper patina, gives personality to beige.

A hint of deep fuchsia adds whimsy and brilliance to your home.

If your siding is dark brown...

Honey yellow will brighten up your facade, creating instant joy every time you enter the home. Eggplant, a toned-down blend of red and blue, takes brown to new heights of haute.

Wake up dark brown with fresh, sprout green and give passersby a reason to take a second look at your home. You can never go wrong using red with orange undertones to give your home a lively focal point.