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The decorating experts at Martha Stewart waded through these colors and shared ideas and suggestions for an on-trend kitchen paint scheme. Before deciding, they stress the importance of think-

ing about the entire kitchen — walls, floor, cabinets and countertops. Colors that exist in nature will bring a calming, serene effect; more vibrant palettes will result in a bright, upbeat eye-opener and can reflect the colors of your prized possessions.

TERRA-COTTA

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Southwestern vibe while reflecting both a warmth and fiery attitude. Those who've gone gray (in their kitchens) and cling to a neutral palette can inject orange-tinted tones, blending the two complementary colors for a boost of energy, especially with accent pieces.

SOFT AND DUSTY PINKS

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such as a dirty rose, can create a surprisingly elegant, classic look in the kitchen — especially when paired with black fixtures and cabinet pulls. Those who hesitate to go full pink can achieve an equally on-trend look with such colors as blush peach with pink accents.

DARK BLUES AND GREENS

Repainting your kitchen doesn't always mean committing to an entire paint job. Painting cabinetry, an island or a section of millwork can bring a dramatic new scheme to your kitchen. That's where the deeper blue and green hues come into play. For example, a dark Navy with warm gold hardware can create an updated timeless look, balancing modern and classic styles. Thinking of going green in the same fashion? Dark, rich hues can add drama to walls and cabinets, say experts.

SOPHISTICATED WHITES

Can't let go of the all-white kitchen? Neither can decorating professionals, who remain loyal to the classic but see sophisticated upgrades with the infusion of warm, brown-gray tints, as well as such shades as mushroom, bone and oatmeal in the mix. The result? Think creamy, but not stark — and much less bright.



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Kitchens are especially ripe for creating dramatic new color schemes, but decorating, color and paint experts haven't neglected other rooms in your home. Although they're likely to be more subdued than kitchens, that doesn't mean they're late to the trend party. The pros at Martha Stewart have more ideas to learn about what's new in paint for your living areas at <https://bit.ly/2J0Gj7b>.

HOMEWISSE GLOSSARY

Balloon: A mortgage where there are payments over a period of time but the final payment is a lump sum which is quite large, compared to the previous payments.

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