

Where Color Is Key

Challenge: Small home, smaller budget and a craving for vibrant color.

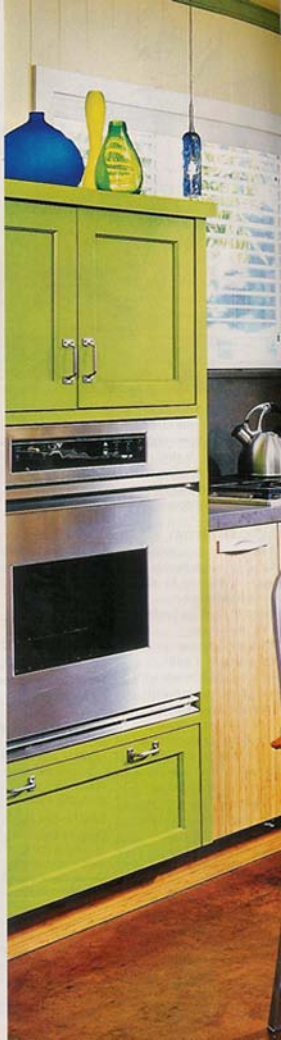
Solution: A beloved piece of artwork inspires a can't-fail palette and paint echoes the color cheaply and easily.

Dana Jones, a kitchen designer, admittedly would have played it safe and gone with a more neutral, designer-y type of house. But her husband Huck Jenkins was insistent: Their first home as a couple would be as vibrant as their life they shared together. The inspiration object that started it all was the first piece art they had purchased together. It was perfectly luscious and contained all the colors that would serve as the palette for their first home.

Finding Your Color Inspiration

The resultant fruit compote of a home is a lesson in color for anyone who is hesitant to let color work its magic. For just as this couple chose a beloved painting as their color memory piece, you can search your own memory bank for the first time color made an impression on you. Were you at the beach staring at a perfect summer day's blue sky? Perhaps a chambray blue for your living room would take you back to those carefree moments. Or was it the soft sand between your toes that has you longingly wishing for walks on the beach? Maybe the color of the sand is just the ticket for your guest room. Over 90 percent of people are afraid of color, notes designer April Cornell. But you need not be one of them.

Dana and Huck have also used color to create the moods they desired in their home at various points in the day. For a cheerful dining room to wake up to, they selected a paint by Benjamin Moore aptly called





Colorful Kitchen Cure

Cooking implements hidden from view in convenient storage keep the cook happy and help this space feel anything but chaotic.

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