



## 2006 Colour Trends

In 2005 we saw a lot of very neutral and monochromatic palettes - beige, green, gold, red, etc. For 2006, the colours are now more natural, often inspired by nature and the world around us. The neutral (base colours) are now tones of charcoal, chocolate, sand and stone and are accented with rich jewel tones to give energy and flavour to the room. Examples of the jewel tones would be fuchsia, turquoise, melon and peacock blue. I have chosen a few colour examples from Benjamin Moore's collection, to demonstrate these trends.

### Neutrals

In neutrals, we are seeing more of a tendency to grayer, greener tans, taupes and grays. For a main area in the home, hallway, entry, etc. consider tones such as:

HC-80 *Bleeker Beige*  
HC-82 *Bennington Gray*  
HC-76 *Davenport Tan*  
CC-516 *Flagstone*  
CC-510 *Buckhorn*



### Chocolates

A great colour for a more intimate space, dining rooms, bedrooms, and living rooms is chocolate brown. These can be accented with creams for a calmer look, or brightened up with a new jewel tone for drama.



2109-30 *Wood Grain Brown*  
2112-10 *Mink*  
2108-30 *Brown Horse*

### Jewel tones: the new accent

Believe it or not, pink is back! The latest craze is accenting your neutrals and chocolates with deep pinks, purples and teals.

#### For the more adventurous:

2083-20 *Cranberry cocktail*  
CC-34 *Jester*  
2049-40 *Peacock Blue*  
HC-137 *Mill Springs Blue*



#### Or for those who want the trend (without the adventure):

2116-20 *Vintage Wine*  
2083-10 *Raisin Torte*  
CC-756 *Avalon*  
CC-182 *Frontenac Brick*

