

Selecting a Front Door Color



It appears I'm in a bit of a painting frenzy. Not the artwork kind of painting, but the "what needs painting next" kind of painting. Paint is one of those home improvement items that is rather affordable, easy to use and makes a significant impact.



Since the front porch is looking a bit tired, I am pondering ways to make some affordable improvements. I do believe it is time to re-think the color of the front door. Red seems appropriate as it is the complement to the dark green house trim. But it is time for something different.

Selecting Colors with Web Technology



[Sherwin Williams](#) has a color technology section on their website which allows you to “paint” different colors into your own photo. I uploaded a picture of the front door and began experimenting with different colors. How cool is this! It is [ColorSnap Visualizer](#) for the web and you can do an interior room or the exterior of your home.



With an icon, you “paint” the area you are interested in. You can choose up to 8 colors from the color charts on their website and create “My Color Palette”.



At the bar on the bottom of the screen, you can see the colors I selected to try~~black, dark green (like the trim), cayenne, sage, and two shades of blue.



I have always loved a high gloss black door with beautiful brass hardware. You see many of these in London. However, when I tried it on this software, the front door almost looks like a big black hole. And would the black be too dark against the green?



What if I were to paint the door the same as the trim color?



Sage green almost always looks so beautiful on doors, but not so sure on mine. Sorry for the blurry photo as I was taking pictures of my computer screen with my phone.



Several years ago I did have a French Blue door. I loved it! I was into all things French back then. Not sure I want to repeat it?



Here is the ColorSnap Visualizer with a few different shades of blue.



What if I just need a different color red?



Since our home is historical, I am pre-disposed to doing a color that will be appropriate for the age. Or do I? Should I consider a stain?

My confidence level is fairly low on selecting colors, so I would appreciate ANY feedback on this. I know many of your have a great eye for these things.

Our local Sherwin Williams has curbside pick up during the quarantine so I may start painting a few color patches and see what happens.

Have a beautiful Tuesday!

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