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COLOR FORECAST '11



Self-expression has become very important as people make decisions about decorating their homes today. They want to celebrate their individualism and their passions—whether it's a love of antique maps, a fascination with 3D animation or a collection of batik-patterned dresses. "People are finding they have the opportunity to be true to themselves," says Jackie Jordan, director of color marketing for Sherwin-Williams. "It is about personal identity and colormix 2011 evokes that sense of uniqueness."

The 39 colors selected by Sherwin-Williams color experts for the colormix 2011 forecast are grouped into four palettes.

Purely Refined



Like an impeccably tailored suit, the Purely Refined palette is an elegant take on timeless hues. Pared down blues, lilacs, greens and grays interweave with understated neutrals. This palette whispers upscale in an effortless manner.

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Invest in Home Improvement

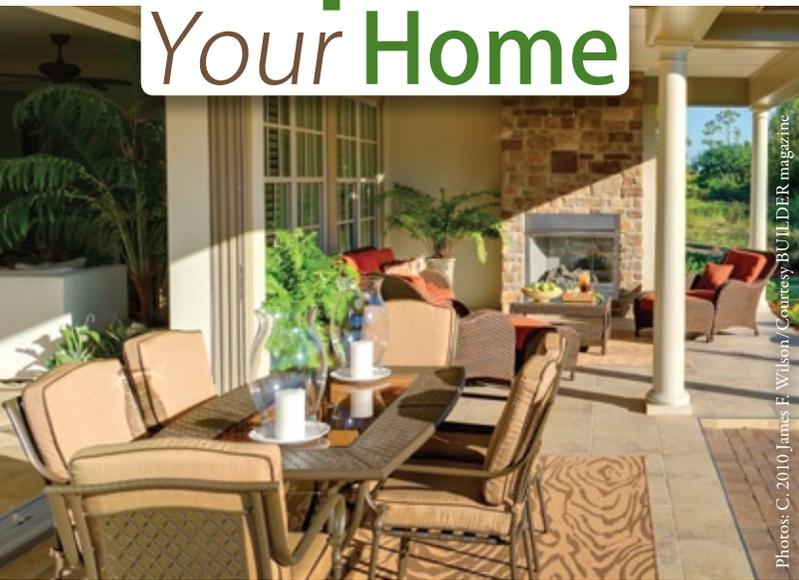
As the economy starts to shift and things begin to take a turn for the better, it's a great time to think about investments. Investing in remodeling and home improvements can often help raise your property value right away, and in the long run will allow you to recover your investment costs. Not only that, but by making improvements to your home, you're also improving your standard of living and creating a more ideal place for your family.

With warm weather finally here, you may want to consider some projects that help improve your home's curb appeal or just offer more living space for your family. The addition of a three-season room, or a backyard deck or patio, brings new life to your home. You can create more space for entertaining friends and family, or just make better use of a space that's currently not living up to its potential.

If you want to create a cool space to get away from the summer heat (because it will be hot soon!), maybe a basement remodel would serve your family well. Turning your basement into a comfortable living space where kids can play, or into a grown-up play area that features surround sound and a wet bar, will add more value to your everyday lives with a fun, new place for the family to gather.

However you choose to invest in your home, remodeling and renovation projects will increase the value of your home and the quality of your living space. It's definitely an investment that will benefit your family. Call **Forest Glen Construction** at **847-236-0895** to see how we can help you realize your dreams.

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For thirteen years, *BUILDER* magazine has presented a Concept Home to attendees of the annual International Builders Show as an educational tool showcasing new ideas and products to remodelers and homebuilders. For 2011, the magazine partnered with KB Home and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia to create its latest presentation.

This 2,667-square-foot suburban Orlando home is a traditional residence for middle-class buyers, yet at every turn it demonstrates a broad array of resource efficiency and sustainability practices and products. In fact, the home was designed and built to achieve a net-zero energy balance and earned a LEED for Homes Platinum rating, among several other green building certifications.

In almost every case, the green features are simple, common sense ideas using proven and off-the-shelf materials and products that can easily be applied to your remodeling or new home project.

Green Features:

- High efficiency windows, lighting, and lighting controls contribute to energy savings.
- Low VOC interior paint contributes to a healthy indoor environment.

- ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances and WaterSense™ labeled plumbing fixtures conserve valuable resources.
- A compost collector is installed in the counter next to the kitchen sink in preference to a garbage disposal.
- A tubular skylight brings natural daylight into a windowless laundry room.
- Water is heated by rooftop solar panels and distributed from an 80-gallon tank.
- Sink water is collected, filtered and redistributed for outside irrigation.
- An energy recovery ventilator recaptures up to 80% of conditioned temperatures and transfers that energy to the incoming fresh air.
- Foam insulation sprayed on the underside of the roof deck and a cool roof system significantly reduce the home's cooling energy demand.
- An array of roof-mounted photovoltaic tiles generates enough electricity to offset the home's annual consumption.
- A web-based home energy monitoring system lets the owners track their energy consumption and production.
- A bioswale and other landscape features promote natural storm water drainage.
- A modular rainwater storage system reduces potable water demand.

In addition to these green features, the home displays classic good looks and a thoughtful, functional floor plan that flows seamlessly into the outdoor living areas. Flex spaces and a generous amount of storage suits a family's ever-changing needs.



An online virtual tour of the home is available at www.builderconcepthome2011.com



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The 2011 Concept Home
ERV unit by Broan

Needing to Vent

Our modern, tightly built homes reduce energy costs in part by not permitting heated or conditioned air to escape through windows and doors. Tight homes depend on their ventilation systems to clear the air, but sometimes these are not sufficient. We may resort to opening the windows to get rid of stale air. However, as clean-smelling outdoor air wafts in through our windows, along with it come pollutants and moisture from the outside. Pollutants, such as dust or pollen, can contribute to health problems, as can the mold and mildew caused by



Trash Talk

Of all the rooms in the home, the kitchen is the space where the typical American family generates the most trash. Vegetable or fruit scraps remain after you prepare a salad. You are left with empty plastic bottles, glass jars, and metal cans when you cook.

With our increased awareness of the advantages of sustainable living, it is good

for all of us to consider how changing our purchasing habits can diminish the amount of trash our cooking generates. The most eco-friendly practice is to avoid pre-packaged food by purchasing fresh food items or even growing your own. If you don't have space for a traditional garden, consider replacing some of the decorative landscaping around your home with edible plants. Install an interior window garden for growing herbs year around.

When a hectic day demands a certain amount of convenience cooking, many people do not have a place near at hand to separate all the empty bottles and cans for recycling. Installing attractive base cabinets with several slide out recycling bins in an easily accessible location in your kitchen lets you immediately separate recyclables from trash. When the process is simple, you and your family members are more likely to do it. Purchase washable dishcloths for cleaning up kitchen surfaces during meal preparation. This will help you cut back on the amount of disposable paper towels filling up your trash can.

Reducing the number of items going into your trash is a win-win situation: fewer trips to take out the trash and less trash in the landfill!



NatureMill automatic indoor composter

When you do cook with fresh foods, allow leftover organic matter—like egg shells and orange peelings—to decay and return to the soil, rather than tossing it in the trash or grinding it down the disposal. A stainless steel compost container with a tight-fitting lid may be installed in your kitchen countertop next to the sink to hold food scraps until you are ready to take them outside for composting. The NatureMill composter offers even greater convenience. Concealed inside a cabinet, it is designed to turn your food scraps into compost in two weeks—right in your kitchen.



Slide out recycling bins from Merillat

the extra humidity. In addition, our home's heating or cooling energy goes out the window, raising energy costs.

Heat- or energy-recovery ventilators (HRV/ERV) can enhance air quality by exchanging stale indoor air with fresh, filtered outside air. You can enjoy the fresh-air feel of an open window with virtually little or no heat or energy loss.

Here's how it works:

1. One set of ducts collects stale moist air from the bathrooms, kitchen and laundry room. This air passes through the HRV/

- ERV unit and is exhausted to the outside.
- The other ducting system draws in fresh clean air from outdoors through the HRV/ERV unit.
- There is no mixing of air streams.
 - HRV: As the two air streams pass each other within the unit, heat is transferred from the outgoing stale air to the fresh incoming air. The HRV is designed for cooler climates.
 - ERV: As the two air streams pass each other within the unit, heat and moisture from the fresh incoming air is transferred to the stale outgoing air. The ERV is designed for warmer climates.
- Filtered, preconditioned fresh air is delivered to the living areas of your home.

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Restless Nomad



While inspired by all parts of the world, influences from Morocco and Turkey anchor the Restless Nomad palette. Colors wander from dusky darks, to hot vibrant pinks and reds to earthy food-influenced hues that evoke eggplant and cabbage.



Gentle Medley



A nostalgic mix of maps, vintage florals and butterfly, dragonfly and leaf motifs drives the Gentle Medley palette. Earthy neutral tans combined with freshwater blue, mint green, copper and chartreuse pastels give a space an airy, yet grounded quality.

Bold Invention



The Bold Invention palette looks to anything from graffiti art to 3D animation for inspiration. Vivid greens and a range of intense turquoises and blues dominate the palette, while a pop of hot red and unexpected neutrals balance it out.