

THE ART & CRAFT *of Walls*

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Colour is a very personal reflection of your style. These colour experts can bring something very special to your walls.



ANNE & GREG SWITZER, OWNERS ROBIN WELLINGS, STORE MANAGER *Decorating Ideas*

How does colour influence your mood?
Anne: Colour makes us feel. It can be uplifting, soothing, fun, peaceful or fierce. Coordinating different hues from room to room brings life into the home and acts as an outward reflection of those who live within it.

What is a colour you love to recommend? Robin: One of my favourite Benjamin Moore colour combinations is Collingwood for walls, and White Dove for trim and ceilings. They are easily paired with distressed wood to create an earthy feel with a modern twist. Anne: I love neutral “greige” colours like Edgecomb Gray or Revere Pewter. They complement most white trim work and are great solutions for people who think grey is too cold. Neutral palettes are also a great backdrop for showcasing the colours in pillows, accessories and tableware. Greg: I love working with a historical colour palette combining timeless dark and light favourites like Hale Navy and Monterey White. Choosing colours is a subjective art so there is no right or wrong, but a colourist, like those found at Decorating Ideas, can help find the perfect combination.



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JAMES PINEAULT FINE ARTIST *Represented by Nancy Johns Gallery & Framing*

What inspires your paintings? My paintings usually stem from a feeling, idea or image in my mind and a general sense of colour to best express it. As the work takes shape, these initial ideas determine what happens next until the painting is complete. The inspiration for my work comes from something I want to express that cannot be said with words alone. I hope to connect with anyone viewing my work on a very emotional level. Sometimes I succeed. When that happens it is very satisfying.

What should people think about when buying a piece of art? I always think about what Canadian artist Norval Morrisseau said when he sold his paintings door to door early in his career. He would promise to “decorate your home with the most beautiful images and colours.” As a collector of art myself, I always look for something that inspires me on an emotional level. I always go with my first instinct. When you like it, you know it. My best advice to anyone thinking about buying a certain painting is, don’t try to rationalize it. Trust your instincts.

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BRITTANY LIGHT,
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Manz Décor

What does colour say about a person? The colours a person decides to wear or paint their home with can definitely reflect their personality. Tabitha, for example, is outgoing and eccentric and she enjoys lots of colour and pattern. Brittany, on the other hand, is calm and laid back and prefers neutrals and monochromatic combinations. We can pick up on what colours customers would like to paint their home by what they wear. Seeing their sense of style tells us a lot about how to help them make great choices for their décor.

What do you like best about fall? Tabitha: Fall is my favorite season! I love the variety of colours and the crisp sound of leaves crunching under my feet as I go for a walk. Brittany: I enjoy fall for that feeling of warmth, wearing big sweaters, making Thanksgiving dinner with my family and the beautiful colours of the leaves as they change with the season. **OH**



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