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“LEMON-LIME YELLOW IS THE BEST COLOR FOR MAKING A STALE SPACE FEEL FRESH AGAIN

—DESIGNER AMY LAU

HOW TO USE YELLOW

**I** Add cheerful accents.

Hits of bright yellow are like serotonin supplements for a room—and a little goes a long way. A few fun accents, such as leather dining chair upholstery, large-scale graphic artwork, and stems in a similar shade, are all it takes to cast a happy mood throughout your space.



# YELLOW

**2** Open up a small space.

To make a cramped room feel larger, douse walls in vivid yellow. For a whimsical, big-top effect, paint wide stripes that continue onto the ceiling. First, mark off stripes onto white walls with painters' tape. Then just paint between the lines, remove the tape, and voilà!

**3** Serve lemon with lime.

Pair yellows with citrusy greens that take the edge off the brighter shade without stealing its thunder. "Colors in the same family have a complementary, rather than competitive, effect," says designer Amy Lau.



FROM TOP: LAUN, TAMBURELLO; OPPOSITE: LAURA RESEN

# BLUES

## HOW TO USE BLUE

**1 Take a one-shade-fits-all approach.** Cover nearly everything, from upholstery to walls to accessories, in various tones of the same watery aqua for a super soothing vibe. Add dimension to a monochromatic scheme with texture.

### BLUES WE LOVE



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**2 Mix different blues in one room.** Make typically tranquil blues feel more lively by combining a range of light to dark hues in the same space. This layered approach works for a color-blocked upholstered headboard or a patterned rug. Another idea: Paint tone-on-tone stripes.

**3 Splash it all over for a beachy vibe.** To give your kitchen a water view regardless of where you live, pop this sea shade in unexpected places, like the backs of glass-front cabinets or even on the floors. Choose a countertop material like this turquoise glazed lavastone, which comes in custom colors. For an island that really shines, opt for powder-coated steel or lacquered cabinets. 🌊