



Because playing favorites isn't always bad: five no-fail shades the pros use time and time again.

● **Serene Scene** "This green-blue is gender neutral and easy on the eyes, so it's my go-to for bedrooms," says Nicole Gibbons, interior designer and founder of *sohautestyle.com*.

● **50 Shades of Gray** "Gray's not going anywhere," says Scott McGillivray, real estate expert and host of DIY Network's *Income Property*. "Reflection is the perfect neutral for a living room, whether your furnishings are classic or contemporary."

● **Not So Mellow Yellow** "You can't go wrong with a white kitchen with bright yellow accents—the look is cheerful and energizing," says Young Huh, designer and trend forecaster for the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA).

● **Rethink Pink** "Paisley Pink is sophisticated and not too sticky sweet," says Susan Hable, artist, textile designer and author of *A Colorful Home*. "I've used this shade at different times in my office and dining room and even in a sitting room. It always creates this nice glow."

● **Feeling Blue** "A powder room is like a little jewel box, so why not go dark and dramatic?" says designer Mona Ross Berman, owner of Mona Ross Berman Interiors. "Navy walls are amazing with gray or lavender."

