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Are you comfortable with color?

Color affects us all in various ways. Some clients want monochromatic spaces, others want it bright and fun and most are unsure of where to go. Which are you?

I have been intrigued and delighted to listen to clients as they tell me what colors they love in their home and which colors they love only in someone else's home. I had a fabulous client in a showroom that moved from cool blues in one room to orange and grey in the next. When we entered the orange and grey room, she had an immediate reaction where she was uncomfortable and wanted to move out of the room as soon as possible. I have another client who cannot stand to be in a yellow room and yet third client who wants every room to be yellow.

Not only is color important, but it is also the value of the color. A person may love all colors in their purest form, but when you add grey or 'heather' the color they become bored and tired. You may be inspired by the clear vibrancy of color in its truest form. Or you may want a calm,

cool environment. To tone down color we add white to lighten towards a pastel or add a touch of grey to heather or mute the color.

Color has power. Not only does the eye see the hue, but the body also feels it. When you were a child faced with your first box of Crayola® Crayons which one was your favorite go-to color? The one that wore down the fastest. Do you like that color still today? You may not want it everywhere, but would a touch of it calm you and take you back to that simple time?

Just remember that color is personal. Never let anyone force you into a color that makes you feel uncomfortable just because it is the 'color of the year'. A great designer will take the time to learn about you and how you react to color to find just the right match. It is all about YOU! ■

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