

ideas ALL ABOUT COLOR

Spicy hues that are intensely saturated balance with earthy grays and browns. Freshen the warm palette with cool contrasting colors such as blue.



WELL-SEASONED SPACES

Barry Dixon relies on his tastebuds when developing a recipe for a spice palette. "It may sound strange, but if you already have a positive association with the flavor of a certain spice, you'll probably love that color in your home," says the Washington, D.C.-based designer.

■ **Serve it up** Spice colors are ideal for kitchens and dining rooms, Barry says, because they stimulate the appetite.

■ **Clever combo** For an interesting twist, Barry suggests pairing warm and cool colors, such as muted chili pepper with pale celadon.

■ **Add a dash** Use spices as accents, Barry suggests. **Punchy pillows and contrasting trims on draperies wake up a neutral room.** "You get the taste of spice without having a big paprika sofa overtake the room," he says. 🏠



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1. Spice Route Moroccan Tab Top Curtain (45"×84"), \$28; saffronmarigold.com
2. Toscana Collection dishes in butter, \$9-\$30; zgallerie.com
3. Cable-knit throw, \$50; jcp.com
4. Octagonal leather box with lid in pumpkin (24" tall), \$200; globalviews.com for a retailer

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