

Weekly Tip #4 –July 21st, 2013

Marshmallow, Warm Stone and Muslin.....

What do all three of these have in common? They're all names of paint colors I've selected from those wicked little paint chips!

Whenever I have a home project that requires painting, inevitably by husband hands me the dreaded paint chip books. And there I am, trying to select *one* color from literally thousands of choices. Admittedly, once I've narrowed my choices down to less than 10, I've been known to pick a color simply because I like the name! Really, Warm Stone sounded way cooler than Gray-brown, just as Marshmallow triumphed over off white! I got lucky with those two colors, however Muslin didn't quite work, it turned out to be a skin crawling fleshy color (no pun intended).

So through trial and error we learned a few tips on selecting color schemes that works! Always find an inspiration piece that you really love and work with those colors. Technology is so advanced in blending colors, that you could actually bring in any object to a paint store and have it matched almost precisely to the color you want.

My inspiration piece for my new kitchen was simply a grouping of colors in a vase that sits next to a piece of furniture in my family room. It just so happens that the piece of furniture is actually pretty close to the color of the cabinets!

In the photo below you see how the warm and cool colors work together. I love the contrast of the dark cabinet and almost white vase softened by the pale earthiness of the birch branches and the lighter green moss. As you can see I've used all these colors in completing my kitchen color scheme.

So pursuant to my first weekly tip, just look around you and inspiration will find you!

