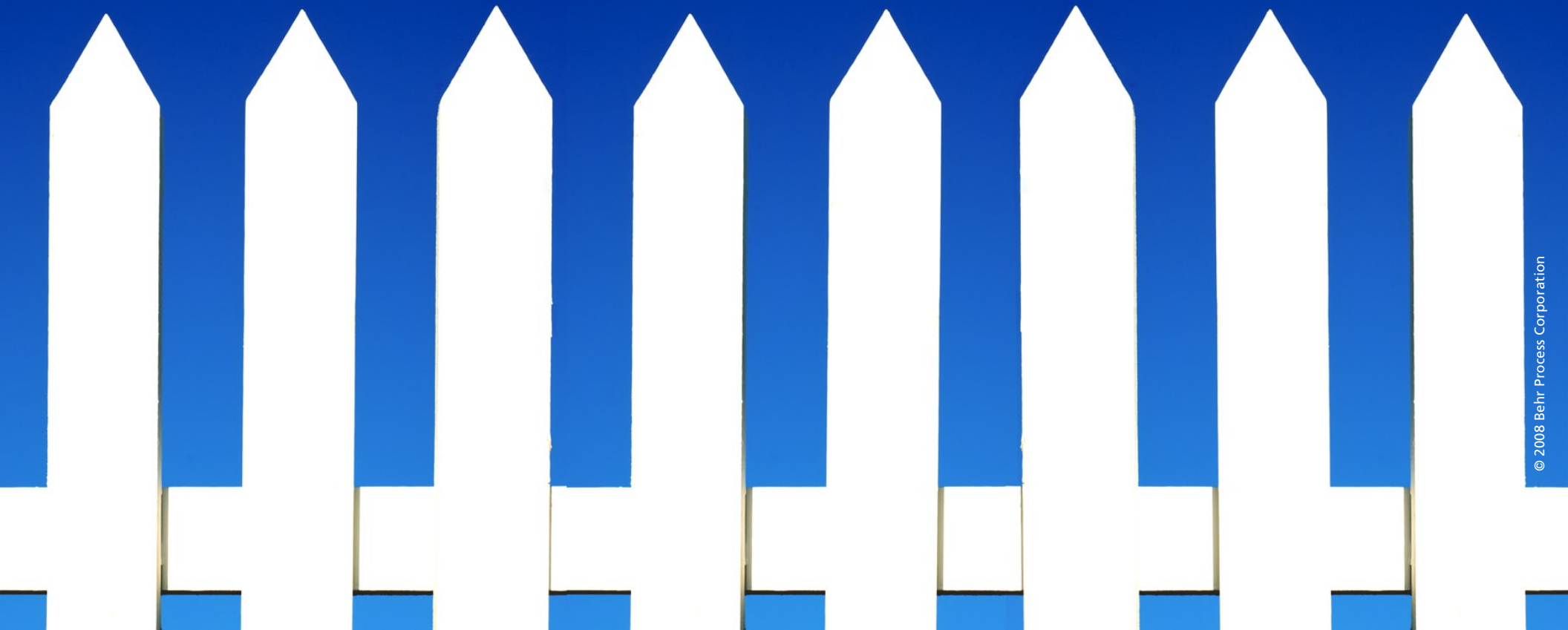
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BLUE AND WHITE

The combination of blue and white as a color scheme for your home is a popular and time-tested favorite. Because the different shades of blue can evoke a variety of emotional responses and moods, this combination has proven to be a versatile performer in many home decorating plans. The blue and white color palette is perfect for creating a chic and dramatic presence in a sleek, contemporary home, yet works just as well in imparting a casual, light-hearted appeal to a cozy-cottage space. It is the shade of blue chosen, paired with the white, that makes this color combination a perennial favorite.

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Creating A Mood with Blue

The most beautiful blue shades can be found in nature. From the remarkable array of blues in the sky to the bounty of blues found in bodies of water, there is a multitude of blues for you to pair with white. It can be overwhelming to select just the right shade of blue from all the choices available. To help you determine the right shade of blue to partner up with white, consider the mood you would like to create in your home. Deeper, darker blues, such as navy, indigo, and royal, are strong, classic, and traditional. Paired with white, the finished look is formal, dramatic, and striking. Lighter blues, such as powder blue, robin's egg blue, or sky blue, are soft and serene, creating a more relaxed, calming feel in your space. Tropical blues, such as aquamarine, turquoise, or blue topaz, are more intense and create a lively and vibrant presence. By keeping in mind the look and emotional feel you want to evoke in your home, you'll be able to choose just the right shade.



Introduce a formal, regal ambience in your dining room by painting it a deep royal blue. Partnered with trim and ceiling in a crisp white shade, the result is elegant and rich. Contrastingly, for a calm, open, and serene appearance, pair powder blue with a creamy white shade. See how this changes the look of the same dining room into a friendly, country-cottage style and ambience.





Spatial Effects

Another factor you may want to consider when selecting a blue shade is the impact the color will have on the visual expanse of your room. Lighter shades of blue will visually open up your space, giving your room a more airy appeal. Darker shades will seemingly make your room appear smaller, and thus impart more weight and authority to the space. The spatial effects of color may be important considerations if you are decorating very large or very small spaces and want to give those spaces a visually different look.



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Coordinating with White

When paired with blue, white adds a clean and fresh energy to your space, making it an excellent accent color. When selecting the perfect white to coordinate with your blue, you'll find that there are many shade variations from which to choose. Whites come in shades with a rosy undertone, which can add a soft glow to your space. Cooler whites with blue undertones can offer a refreshing contrast to your blue. Yellow-undertoned whites can bring a touch of subtle radiance to your room. Make use of stripe cards to see how the different shades of white coordinate with your selected blue shade.

Adding an Accent Color



Accent colors can also add great visual interest to your blue and white color scheme. To increase the warmth and energy, as well as bring luminosity to the coolness of blue, try its natural complementary color, orange.



Envision a bathroom in a palette of powder blue, with an accent wall in soft peach, and trim in fresh white. The combination of these colors has a welcoming, yet tranquil quality. The blue walls and ceiling serve to create the look of open sky, while the peach accent wall and natural wood floor lend a warm and soothing effect to the room. Together they create a space that is calm and refreshing.





Accent colors can also be introduced through the addition of décor items. Muted blue walls and pure white trim create a relaxing, serene environment in this kitchen. To balance out the cool palette, red décor is incorporated to bring a sense of warmth and vitality.



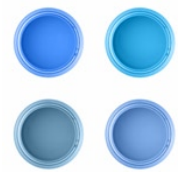
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Incorporating Patterns and Textures

Patterns and textures will add contrast to your blue and white palette, enhancing the visual interest in your room. Take advantage of patterns, such as florals, plaids, or stripes, and incorporate them into your furnishings and accessories. Floral patterns can create delicate feminine spaces, while plaid patterns will inject your room with a masculine sensibility.



The tranquility of this bedroom is made visually interesting with the addition of furnishings and accessories with bold stripes and patterns. Because of the consistent, coordinated color palette, all of these diverse patterns and textures pair perfectly. An expansive look is achieved by painting the molding and ceiling pure white.



A casual, family-friendly look is created in this living space by using a softer, ticking stripe on the armchairs and a natural linen fabric on the sofa and pillows. These additions in neutral colors balance and warm up the cool blue on the walls.





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Blue and White as Exterior Color

Blue and white are also excellent color choices for the exterior of your residence. The versatility of this pair allows you to create looks that can be traditional and classic, bright and spirited, or cozy and quaint. One thing to keep in mind is that sunlight affects the appearance of color, so



the intensity of light where you live will impact how vibrant your blue and white color choices display. More vivid colors, such as azure blue and turquoise, are perfectly at home in bright, sunny Miami Beach. With less intense sunlight, colonial homes found in the Northeastern states take on a stately significance when painted a deep or gray-blue. As well, traditional New England style residences, appear historic in a deep, rich navy and



soft, creamy white. Victorian style homes, popular across the country, look stunning painted a soft, shaded blue with brilliant white trim.

Versatile and Universal

The blue and white color palette is universally appreciated for its natural, eye-pleasing qualities. These colors have proven themselves as versatile choices for any interior decorating style and for any architectural style of home. The combination lends itself to enhancing any mood or ambience you desire in your living spaces and can easily coordinate with a variety of accent colors. Let your imagination soar with the endless possibilities that pairing blue and white can bring to your home.



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