

# Exterior Trim Paint Colors

## Neutral Colors

**Neutral** trim colors give a house a finished look without distracting from other elements of the home like windows, siding or landscaping. **Basic neutral tones are in the gray family, though neutral could also include a trim in a shade that is similar to the color of the stucco on the home.**

## Earth Tones

Integrate the exterior of your home into its natural surroundings by painting the trim in an earth-inspired color. Pull **earth tones** from both the landscape and the color of the house. **Muted greens, browns, blues, and grays are the best options for earth tones;** blues tend to be a bit more difficult to match and usually stand out against a home or landscape, where as greens tend to appear to blend into the overall picture, providing less visual contrast.

## Shades

**Shades**, colors that are tinted with black or gray, thus muting them, can create a harmonious effect with earth toned stucco colors. Colors that are muted with their complement, for instance, a reddish brown mixed with a green, will create a lively shade with fuller tones.

## Contrast

Contrast can be a good thing as well as a bad thing. If you are trying to create some visual interest on your home using contrast, such as a white house with black trim, you may want to look into warm, dark grays for the trim to achieve an earthier tone.

For further color questions, this is a helpful link;

<http://www.colormatters.com/color-and-design/basic-color-theory>

## **Stucco**

Stucco color samples can be found at El Rey Stucco

<http://www.elrey.com/colorcharts.shtml>

See the Architectural Review Committee section on suggested stucco colors. These colors are a guideline. Individual stucco providers may have different names for the same color and slightly different colors with the same name.

## **ARC approval**

Please remember, if you are changing the present physical appearance of the exterior of your home, you will need to obtain approval from the ARC committee. Below is a link to the form.

<http://meadowsonriogrande.org/Documents/REQUEST%20FOR%20DESIGN%20APPROVAL%20MEADOWS%20HOA-meadows.pdf>