# The Best GRAY for a home 50 Shades of GRAY Exterior

### The Top Shades of Gray FOR A ROOF





Refined and elegant gray is not only accepted in today's society, but an extremely popular choice. From embracing natural graying hair to topping off the house with a gray slate roof, it's hard to go wrong with gray.

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~ Kate Smith
Chief Color Mayen of Sensational Color



## The Best Shades of Gray For An Exterior

Gray is an important home exterior color that works equally well on all home styles, historic to contemporary, and in every part of the country. A versatile color, gray tones can range from cool, clear bluish gray to a true neutral gray through a warm French gray or even taupe. The best gray for your home exterior is the one that blends well with your roof and the other fixed features, such as your brick, stone or permanent design elements.

#### Tips For Picking The Perfect Gray

- For most homes a classic gray that will never go out of style as a middle tone since it is neither too cool nor too warm.
- Light, clear gray is fresh and airy; just be sure to look for any undertone of gray. What appears light gray on the swatch could appear more light blue, lavender, or whatever the color of the undertone once it is applied to the home.
- When going with a dark gray as the main color, look for a gray that is rich but soft. Deeper shades that have a harder edge are great as accent colors.





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### OurFavoriteGrayColor Combinations

Whether warm, neutral, or cool, the colorcast or undertone of your gray needs to harmonize with your other exterior materials and finishes to create a cohesive look. When planning your color scheme, keep in mind that gray comes alive with dramatic accent colors. I recommend using the boldest paint color for the front door to create a strong focal point on the home exterior. Use other accent colors to play a secondary role.

A true neutral gray combines with any other color to give you complete freedom with accent colors. These are a few of our favorites:

- True red is traditional but you can add a twist by using berry, pomegranate or garnet.
- A touch of brass, bronze or copper warms up gray; gold or orange adds a spark of color.
- Both warm and cool greens look fresh against gray; from thyme to palm or forest, green naturally brings out the beauty of gray.
- Tried and true blue soft raindrop, bold blue paisley or admiral blue keeps gray fresh and clean.
- Go all neutral with gray on gray for a sophisticated scheme.



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