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Color Trends at High Point Market

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Last week, a few of the HGTV.com editors had the privilege of visiting High Point Furniture Market. We saw a lot of fabulous designs, from innovative furniture to one-of-a-kind lighting. I was on the lookout for the hottest colors in interior design. Here are my top four color picks:

Blue

Many designers have transitioned from the bold blues you're used to seeing to a fresher, ice blue. I still enjoyed seeing unexpected pops of the bright blues in China cabinets and drawers.





Media Cabinet by **Design Legacy**, China Cabinet by **Steven Shell**, Denim Map by **Splurge/Robert Nicholas**, Tufted

Chair by **HGTV HOME**

Designer Shane Inman's Decorating Tip: Use soft blues for your walls and darker shades of blue in your upholstery. For something unexpected and daring, use a smokey-slate blue on base moldings and window casings.

Orange

I never thought I could decorate with orange, but seeing this color in accessories, upholstery and seating immediately changed my mind. It completely changes the mood of a room.



Chevron Wall Art by Vanguard Furniture; Dining Chairs by **Design Legacy**, Teal/Orange Pillows by **TOURMALINE**home; End Table by **Trade Winds Furniture**

Designer Erica Islas' Decorating Tip: If you're worried about a color overpowering a space, use it as an accent color mixed with neutrals. For example, pair a striped orange-and-white ottoman with a neutral sofa.

Neutral

Neutrals have always been one of my favorite colors to decorate with. Many trending textures, such as cork, rope and linen are neutral and bring a clean, fresh look to a space.





Bedding by Dovetail; Placemats by Kitchen Papers/Cake; Lamps by ARTERIORS; Holiday Display by Eastern

Accents

Designer Erica Islas' Decorating Tip: If you want to add a bold color to a room, it's important to mix it with neutrals to create an inviting space.

Purple

Purple had a strong presence at Market, from soft shades of lavender to neon purple. It has quickly become one of my favorite colors in interior design.



Purple Living Room by Bernhardt; Book Covers by GO Home, Glass Bottles by ARTERIORS; Purple Bedroom by HGTV HOME

Designer Shane Inman's Decorating Tip: The secret to decorating with purple is to choose a soft hue. Use lavenders and lilacs for your walls, upholstery and draperies for a classic appeal. If you're decorating a small room, paint just the ceiling and accent with purple linens and accessories.