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Events & Info

November 9- Mom2Mom meeting at 9am in West Chester, PA.

Look for several seminars and workshops already planned for January!

See [my website](#) for updated times and places. Want a presentation closer to you? Please call me about how we can make that happen.



Recent Blog Posts

[Organized Garage, Happy Cars](#)
(read this if your car is snowed under today.)

[Eulogy for my Beloved](#)

Dear Barb,

Take my candy, PLEASE! I need the Halloween candy out of my house, and it's only the 29th. What about you?

I find it slightly humorous that in the issue about Halloween colors, I'm featuring my black and white themed trick-or-treaters. Take a peek, and enjoy the Halloween goodies below. And if you notice any typos this month, we'll say the ghouls and gremlins put 'em there.



[Crock-Pot](#)

[How to Have an Art Room of One's Own](#)

Organizing Photos on Your Computer, [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)

[The Economics of Purging: Donating versus Consigning](#)

There's much more at the blog, so feel free to look around.

Password Keeper

Tired of sticky notes and lost passwords? Order your [2-pack of password keepers](#) here.



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Did You Know?

The average caramel apple is a great Halloween treat, packing just under 300 calories and antioxidants, according to [Kilwin's Chocolates](#), my favorite place in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Thanks, Claudia!

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Sincerely,

Darla DeMorrow, CPO® , owner

The Science of Halloween Colors

...Would You Decorate with Purple, Green and Orange Year Round?

Quick, what colors do you think of for Halloween? Start with orange for pumpkins, of course, fall leaves, and candy corn. Then purple. Add green. We see it all the time. This little assortment was in my daughter's goodie bag from school this week.



Halloween Color Triad

OK, so orange, violet and green are traditional Halloween colors, but there's more to it than that. It turns out there is a scientific reason that we put these colors together. They are a color triad. In other words, they are found equidistant from each other on the color wheel, which is

usually shown as having twelve positions, or slices of the pie.

We usually see the "loud" version of this for Halloween decorations, with very saturated color choices, as in the picture above.

But consider these things...

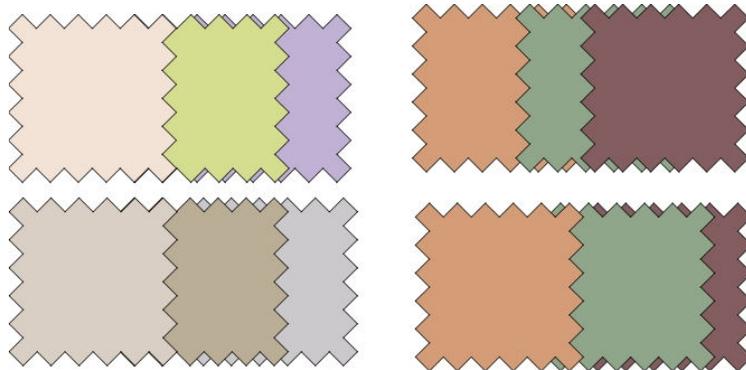
When these colors (or any other triad, for that matter) are used in different proportion throughout your house in different rooms, your house will read as a colorful and thoughtfully decorated home. You can see this at work in a home I had the honor of redesigning a few years ago.





You may have seen these photos before, because I was so happy with the collaboration between the client and I, but now that you see the photos together, you can see that the color choices are a natural triad.

If these colors are too bold for you, check these out. They are all variations on the orange/green/purple theme, believe it or not!



Did you notice that the two sets of colors on the right are the exact same colors, but shown in different proportions? If so, give yourself a star.

We could go on and on about the fun you can have with tint and tone, proportions, accent colors and the fact that even neutrals have colors, as in the lower left samples above.

I hope all of this gives you a new eye for color. If not, you know where to find me.

Ya know, the holidays are coming. If there is any tweaking you'd like to do your home or office, please call

me soon!

color combos above, all from Sherwin Williams and available in Duration Home paint:

Top left:

6624 Peach Blossom/6709 Gleeful/9822 Wisteria

Bottom left:

6064 Reticence/ 6150 Universal Khaki/ 6260 Unique Gray

Right samples:

7707 Copper Wire/7742 Agate Green/ 7579 Alaea

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