

FREE QUILTING LOOKBOOK

The Modern Quilter's Color Palette Lookbook

10 curated color palettes to inspire your next quilt — with fabric pairings,
hex codes, and styling tips.

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Color Made Simple for Quilters

You don't need an art degree to create beautiful quilts — but understanding a few color principles will transform how you pick fabrics. Here's the fast version:

| Principle | What It Means | Quilting Application |
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| Value | How light or dark a color is | High contrast = graphic, modern look. Low contrast = soft, dreamy feel. |
| Saturation | How vivid vs. muted a color is | Mix bright and muted fabrics to keep the eye moving without overwhelming. |
| Temperature | Warm (red/orange/yellow) vs. cool (blue/green/purple) | Applying the color temperature 'pop' feels balanced yet interesting. |
| The 60-30-10 Rule | 60% dominant, 30% secondary, 10% accent | Your quilt has a 'voice' — let one color lead, one support, one surprise. |

Palette 01 — Dusty Botanical



#8FAF8A



#B5C4A8



#E8E0D0



#C9AA84



#7A6B55

Calm, grounded, and deeply connected to the natural world. This palette feels like a walk through an autumn herb garden — every color is pulled from nature with the brightness turned just a little down.

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| FABRICS: | Neutral linen for backgrounds; soft prints with botanical motifs; avoid bright whites |
| PATTERNS: | Modern log cabin, flying geese in descending value |
| STYLE IN: | A reading nook, a neutral bedroom, above a linen sofa |

Palette 02 — Terracotta & Cream



#C4724A



#E8A87C



#F5E6D3



#8B7355



#D4B896

Warm, earthy, and completely at home in a modern organic interior. Terracotta is THE color of the moment in home decor, and a quilt in this palette will always feel current.

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| FABRICS: | Tone-on-tone terracotta prints; natural linen neutrals; earthy batiks; handwoven textures |
| PATTERNS: | Simple rows, half-square triangles in value gradient, patchwork squares |
| STYLE IN: | Boho bedroom, desert-inspired living room, layered on a wooden bed |

Palette 03 — Nordic Frost



#A8C4D4



#D4E8F0



#F5F8FA



#6A8EAO



#2C4A5C

Crisp, airy, and quietly sophisticated. This palette is inspired by Scandinavian winters — blue-grey light, ice, birch trees, and the hush of snow. Minimal and modern.

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| FABRICS: | Chambray solids; tone-on-tone geometric prints; fine woven textures; avoid warm tones |
| PATTERN S: | Improv strips, modern geometric, minimalist sampler |
| STYLE IN: | A Scandi-style bedroom, a nursery, a coastal-inspired living space |

Palette 04 — Golden Hour



#E8A030



#F0C060



#F5DFA0



#C47850



#8C4830

That magic light just before sunset — warm amber, marigold, deep rose, and shadow. A palette that feels cinematic and glowing, perfect for a bed quilt that adds warmth to any room.

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| FABRICS: | Warm solids from a quality fabric line; sunrise prints; textured wovens in gold |
| PATTERN S: | Cathedral windows, radiating star, pinwheel in warm tones |
| STYLE IN: | Bedroom with warm wood tones, living room with earthy decor |

Palette 05 — Wabi-Sabi Neutrals



#D8CFC0



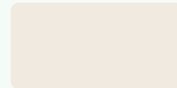
#C4B8A4



#A89888



#857464



#F0EAE0

Beauty in imperfection. This palette embraces the organic, uneven, and beautifully quiet. Think Japanese linen, aged cotton, natural dye tones — a quilt that looks like it's been loved for generations.

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| FABRICS: | Undyed natural linen; softly-washed neutral prints; shibori-dyed cotton; aged muslin |
| PATTERNS: | Improvisational piecing, slow-stitch inspired, wabi-sabi square blocks |
| STYLE IN: | Minimalist bedroom, Japandi interior, meditation space |

Palette 06 — Cottage Garden



#C4A0B4



#E8C8D8



#A8C4A0



#D4B8C8



#F0E4EC

Abundant, romantic, and utterly charming. This palette is filled with the soft colors of an English garden in June — roses, lavender, honeysuckle, and sky. Perfect for a bedroom quilt that feels like a floral embrace.

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| FABRICS: | Liberty-style florals; vintage reproduction prints; soft tone-on-tone florals |
| PATTERNS: | Grandmother's flower garden, Dresden plate, tumbling blocks |
| STYLE IN: | A guest bedroom, a girl's room, a romantic master bedroom |

Palette 07 — Moody Jewels



#4A2060



#2C4A80



#1E6048



#802040



#C0901C

Rich, saturated, and deeply luxurious. This palette is inspired by velvet evening wear, stained glass, and midnight gardens. A quilt in these tones makes a bold, memorable statement.

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| FABRICS: | Rich solids; velvet-effect fabrics; bold prints with black backgrounds; gold metallics |
| PATTERN S: | Double wedding ring, star blocks, medallion quilts |
| STYLE IN: | A dramatic bedroom, a library, over a dark sofa |

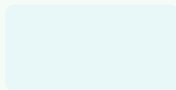
Palette 08 — Mint & Copper



#7EC8C0



#A8E0D8



#E8F8F8



#C08040



#8C5820

Fresh, young, and unexpectedly delightful. Mint and copper shouldn't work together — and yet they absolutely do. This is the palette for a quilter who loves being surprised.

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| FABRICS: | Geometric prints in teal family; copper/rust solids; white-on-white background fabrics |
| PATTERN S: | Modern hexagons, geometric diamonds, contemporary sampler |
| STYLE IN: | A kitchen or dining area, a teenager's room, a mid-century inspired space |

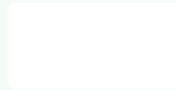
Palette 09 — Prairie Sunrise



#F0D878



#A8C8E8



#FFFFFF



#E8A840



#78A0C0

Joyful, warm, and full of light. This palette feels like the optimism of an early morning — soft yellows, sky blue, fresh white, and the warmth of a new day beginning.

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| FABRICS: | Fresh gingham; traditional country florals; simple stripes; soft chambray |
| PATTERN S: | Nine-patch, bear paw, Ohio star, traditional sampler |
| STYLE IN: | A farmhouse kitchen, a child's bedroom, a bright sunroom |

Palette 10 — Smoked Plum & Linen



#8C6888



#B09CB0



#E8E0EC



#D4C8A0



#A09050

Sophisticated and slightly unexpected. The warmth of linen against the depth of muted purple creates a palette that feels both ancient and totally current. This quilt fits into almost any interior.

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| FABRICS: | Tone-on-tone purple prints; aged linen textures; purple-family solids; warm gold accents |
| PATTERN S: | Log cabin, flying geese, churn dash in value play |
| STYLE IN: | A reading room, a sophisticated bedroom, a feminine home office |