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For a Cohesive Home Color Palette, Start With One Thing

*Your home's color scheme could come from a painting,
a flower bed or even a shade of lipstick.*

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With each of her design projects, Gray Walker of Gray Walker Interiors “always starts off with one thing,” she said. She once devised a palette based on the coral lipstick and navy blue clothing her client’s mother wore, but more often, her inspiration is a work of art, like the colorful painting she chose for a Georgia home she recently completed. “The entire palette stemmed from there,” Ms. Walker said. Throughout the residence, she stuck to blues, greens and pinks, shifting their intensities. In the double-height foyer, where the painting hangs, she opted for neutral walls and a Stark Carpet Missoni runner. The runner features all the colors in the painting.