

## WINNING COMBINATION

Try this 1-2-3 punch, an effective color scheme for a late-Craftsman transitional bungalow.

1. Body: Benjamin Moore Hampshire Gray HC-101
2. Main Trim (fascia board, doors, windows, attic vents, knee braces, etc.): Benjamin Moore Abington Putty HC-99
3. Minor Trim (doors and windows only): Benjamin Moore Clydesdale Brown 2092-10

**Expert Tip:** Sheens are degrees of shine from none (flat) to a fair amount of sheen (satin). Here is a good rule of thumb: Paint the body in flat and main trim in eggshell—except for doors and windows (minor trim). Minor trim should be done in the shinier satin which makes cleaning much easier.




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*At the end of the Craftsman era, exterior paint colors got a bit lighter. This is a wonderful combination for early- to mid-1920s bungalows.*

## Avoid using more than three colors on the exterior, and keep it simple.

up with a rich cream and the walls in a mid-tone muted earth tone. For walls without a frieze, consider painting the ceiling the same mid-tone wall color. No bright white ceilings—ever.

For painted woodwork, strive for a rich contrast, such as Benjamin Moore's Navajo White or darker; the oil-base satin enamel paint is fantastic for this, but get it while you can as it will soon be discontinued. After you've made your selection, buy the paint in quarts and test a large area first.

Finally, if using a contractor, know that a cheap price will get you a cheap job that shows it. Why risk lowering your home's value? It's always best to check with a local preservation group or historical society for leads to qualified professionals. 

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## FURTHER RESOURCES

- Benjamin Moore Paints: (800) 289-7728 or [benjamin-moore.com](http://benjamin-moore.com).
- A great source for color is Benjamin Moore's Historical Colors collection. It is possible to find all the combinations for your interior and exterior among these 174 colors. The company also offers numerous ways to check colors such as an online "Personal Color Viewer," a virtual fan deck as well as 2-oz. sample sizes for testing.
- Pratt & Lambert Paints: (800) 289-7728 or [prattandlambert.com](http://prattandlambert.com). Pratt & Lambert Paints has a wide variety of water-based exterior sheens.
- Historic House Colors: [historichousecolors.com](http://historichousecolors.com). Exterior color consulting for a wide range of historical buildings as well as an architectural style identification service to help you get started.

