



## Interior Colors

The color trends of past eras featured bold colors in homes. The combination of brilliant woodwork colors and vibrant walls brought rooms alive. Curators and preservationists from Historic New England have worked with other museums and private homeowners from across the country to understand, preserve and recreate the Historic Colors of America.

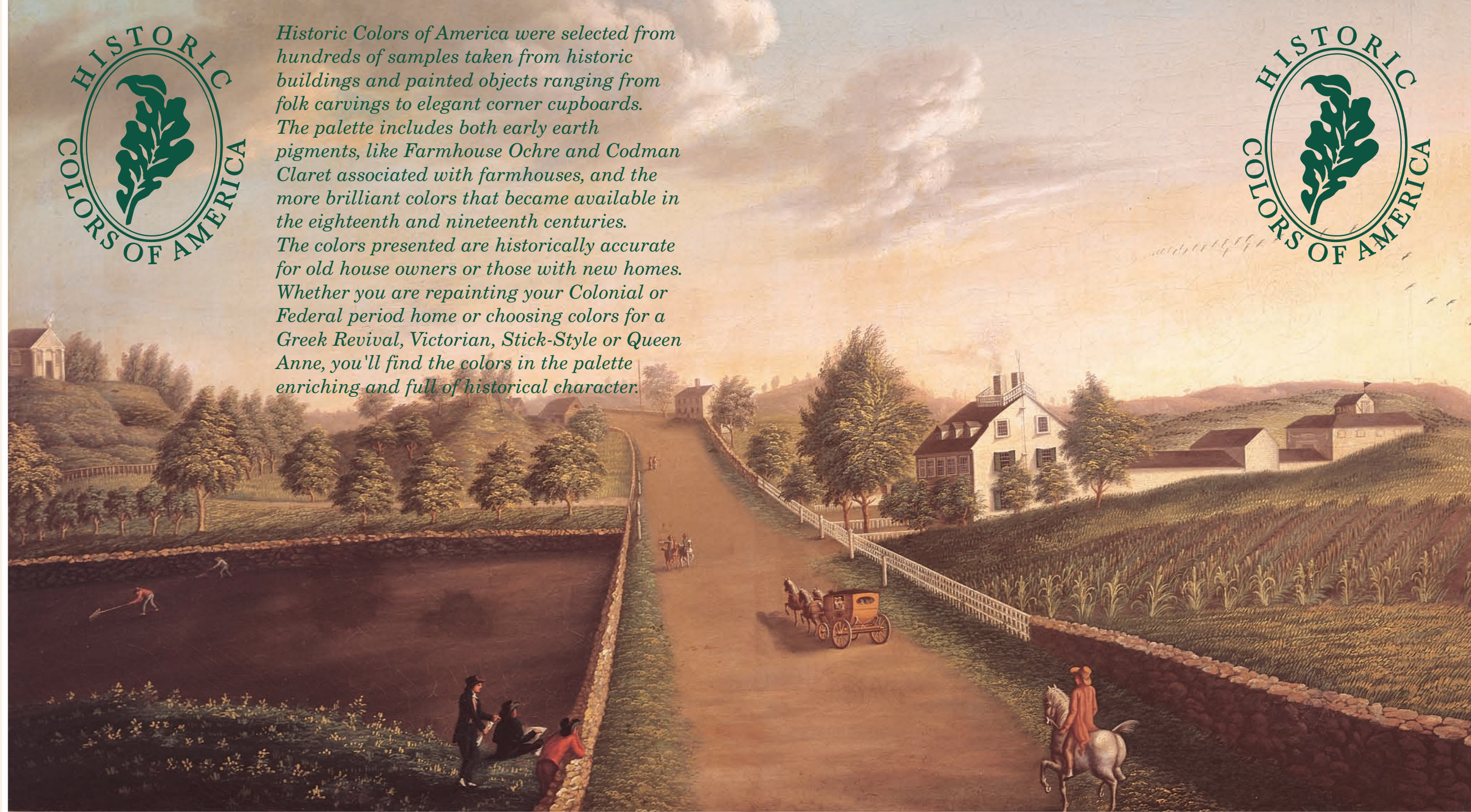


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Historic Colors of America were selected from hundreds of samples taken from historic buildings and painted objects ranging from folk carvings to elegant corner cupboards. The palette includes both early earth pigments, like Farmhouse Ochre and Codman Claret associated with farmhouses, and the more brilliant colors that became available in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The colors presented are historically accurate for old house owners or those with new homes. Whether you are repainting your Colonial or Federal period home or choosing colors for a Greek Revival, Victorian, Stick-Style or Queen Anne, you'll find the colors in the palette enriching and full of historical character.



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## Exterior Colors

What did the colors of the past look like? For many years historians mistakenly assumed that the colors of the past were somber and muted, based on colors that appeared when modern paints were scraped away from old surfaces. However, modern scientific paint research has gradually discovered a vivid palette and surprisingly flamboyant combinations.



Historic New England has won national attention for unlocking the secrets of how paint colors actually looked when new, before time, sunlight and weather altered them.



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Roseland	Knightley Straw	Coastal Sand	Jewett White
			
Flowering Chestnut	Asian Jute	Danish Pine	Wild Oats
			
Richardson Brick	India Trade	Canyon Gold	Plymouth Beige
			
Shaker Red	Georgian Yellow	Flaxen Field	Nankeen
			
Alden Till	Farmhouse Ochre	Britches	Winter Meadow
			
Covered Bridge	English Bartlett	Toffee	Maple
			
Madder	Pumpkin	Palomino	Ginger Root
			
Beetroot	Cogswell Cedar	Portobello	Bean Pot

York Bisque	Andover Cream	Tudor Ice	Standish Blue	Emily
Barrett Quince	Emma	Appleton	Portsmouth Blue	Robin's Egg
Woodstock Rose	Pale Organza	Lucinda	Winter Harbor	Biloxi Blue
Lyman Camellia	Lady Banksia	Bulfinch Blue	Rocky Hill	Bowen Blue
Tailor's Buff	Jonquil	Citadel Blue	Saxon Blue	Glacier Bay
Blonde Lace	Golden Rod	Lexington Blue	Volute	Tory Blue
Mountain Laurel	Curry	Meetinghouse Blue	Asher Benjamin	Newport Indigo
Rundlet Peach	Gable Green	Bold Bolection	Seal Blue	China Aster

Cottage Green	Hawthorne	Amelia	Historic Morning Dew	Rain Barrel
Longfellow	Coral Springs	Elise	Wainscot Green	Milkweed
Melville	Green Bonnett	Marrett Apple	Boardman	Pettingill Sage
Viscaya	Venetian Glass	Whispering Willow	Warren Tavern	Tankard Gray
Veranda Blue	Bristol Green	Picholine	Newbury Moss	Pitch Pine
Philips Green	Grasshopper	Hazelwood	Gedney Green	Burnished Pewter
Grassy Meadow	Brookside	Pointed Fir	Winter Balsam	Sturgis Grau
Blue Winged Teal	Amish Green	Baize	Brattle Spruce	Moss Glen

Yarmouth Oyster	Langdon Dove	Wooden Nutmeg	Quincy Granite
Parsnip	Hitching Post	Bargeboard Brown	Vinal Haven
Jackson Antique	Tyson Taupe	Rawhide	Monument Gray
Phelps Putty	Hickory Nut	Chocolate	Fieldstone
Bayberry Wax	Burnt Umber	Muted Mulberry	Gropius Gray
Sandy Buff	Brownstone	Concord Grape	Polished Pewter
Wooly Thyme	Liberty	Plum Island	Vermont Slate
Cummings Oak	Otis Maderia	Beauport Aubergine	Sayward Pine

