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Minimalist Room Paint Colors That Are Subtle but Still so Good

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Image Credit: Our Food Stories

Classic blue may be the [2020 color of the year](#), but let's be honest. [Minimalist room paint colors](#) are still incredibly popular. If you're at all a fan of [minimalist design](#), you already know that. You don't have to stick to white hues to keep that simple [Scandi aesthetic](#), though.

Mary Maydan, the founder of minimal contemporary firm [Maydan Architects](#), notes that "White is ideal in making [a] space feel bright and airy, emphasizing the purity of the design."

If, however, you stray from the [classic white](#) look, keep the other elements in your space simple. You can have [furniture](#) or a curated selection of decor items, but try to avoid too much embellishment. Less is more. Consequently, while [white](#) is at the core of minimalist room paint colors, one cannot live by white alone.

Here's a selection of our favorite minimalist room paint colors. They're simple but so good.

1. Light Green



Image Credit: Avenue Lifestyle

Minimalist room paint colors can even feel playful. Take this little [girl's bedroom](#), for example. The light [green](#) on the lower wall contrasts with the [white paint](#) that's used higher up. The result is calming and so sweet.

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2. Black or Very Dark Brown



Image Credit: Molly Culver Photography for Mary Patton Design

Mary Patton, of [Mary Patton Design](#), notes that, "Even with minimal accent details in the room, a dark color can bring a clean and crisp feel to a small space just as well as a white or neutral shade can." So it's no wonder this [bathroom](#) feels [minimal](#) and luxe at the same time. Patton went with a deep, dark brown that reads [black](#) because of the low lighting. The dramatic, but still neutral, backdrop lets the [accent light shine](#).

Get the look: [Farrow & Ball, Tanner's Brown](#)

3. Crisp White



Image Credit: Maydan Architects

This [teenager's bedroom](#) incorporates age-appropriate color and design; those photographs offer the perfect amount of fun! But the space itself remains [minimalist](#). The crisp [white paint](#) helps highlight the room's angles and shadows. And it makes the subtle [desk](#) and [rug](#) pop.

Get the look: [Benjamin Moore, White Diamond](#)

4. Dusty Rose



Image Credit: Nicole Franzen Photography for GRT Architects

With the right design, even a dusty pink can feel like an appropriate minimalist room paint color. Take this [pink kitchen](#) from [GRT Architects](#). The cabinets are clad in a pink linoleum, and the opposing wall is [Farrow & Ball Pink Ground](#). Both muted tones do well under the flood of sun from the skylight above, softening the space without making it feel fussy. [Millennial pink may be over](#) but minimalist pink? Just beginning.

Get the look: [Farrow & Ball, Pink Ground](#)

5. Cream



Image Credit: Scenario Architecture

In this stunning, [open plan live-work space](#), natural light bathes the interior. And in addition to the jaw-dropping architectural details, the wall colors feel special. They're serene but not too harsh. To get a similar warm energy, go for a [creamy](#) white minimalist room paint color.

Get the look: [Dulux, Cream Cheese](#)

6. Lavender or Soft Gray



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Lavender isn't exactly the first color you associate with minimalism. But when combined with hints of gray, it can work. The barely-there purple undertones add a certain softness to a [gray](#) bedroom. In this [Berlin apartment](#), the paint plays wonderfully with the muted [linen bedding](#) and shadows, creating visual texture and embellishment even though the walls are mostly unadorned.

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7. Rich Green



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This dramatic, [dark bedroom](#) proves that rich [green](#) or jewel-toned backdrops are as vital as white ones when it comes to minimalist room paint colors. They create the perfect sultry mood. Here, the darkly verdant paint color lets the leather [headboard](#) and simple [bedside sconce](#) shine.

Get the look: [Benjamin Moore, Salamander](#)