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perfect pair

Looking to perk up your rooms? Invite the sunshine in, says designer Erinn Valencich. “Yellow—from butter to sunflower—brightens a space and makes it light and cheerful,” she says. And a twist of lemon adds zest to neutral shades of gray.

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• Wallpaper the dining room in a cheery citron-and-metallic-silver floral paper or paint the entryway a vibrant canary and put a heather rug underfoot. The striking combination stimulates conversation while it warms up the room.

• Use yellow and gray in spaces with lots of natural light, Valencich says. Before picking a hue for the walls, paint 2×2-foot squares around the room and observe them at different times of day. If you're timid, test the colors as accents—pillows or a picture frame—first.

• Steer clear of golden and silver shades in the bathroom. They can distort the skin's undertones, sallow the complexion, and wreak havoc on your makeup application.

• Remember that a little goes a long way, Valencich suggests spreading touches of saffron and gray throughout a space. But group too many items in the dynamic color scheme together, and it can jar the eyes.

• Add sophistication to yellow and platinum via black accents, mix in a bit of playfulness with powder blue or orange, or heighten the drama by pairing the combo with rich plum.

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