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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING



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## Use color to sort and simplify.

Keep your home feeling bright and orderly with a simple palette. I gravitate toward a strong, calming base color - navy, gray or even pale green. From there, you can add one or two accent colors any more, and things can start to feel cluttered. Opt for analogous colors (those next to each other on the color wheel), since they'll blend better and won't create as much high-contrast excitement.





**SHOP THIS ROOM** 







**Walnut counter stool,** \$495, organicmodernism.com



**Larkin drawer pull,** \$19 and up, rejuvenation.com



Delta Trinsic Single-Handle Pull-Down Sprayer Kitchen Faucet, \$470, homedepot.com



LIZZIE POST ETIQUETTE EXPERT My friend brought me a cool painting back from Paris, but it clashes with the color scheme in my home. Do I have to hang it? – DEVIN W.

**A:** NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DISPLAY SOMETHING that doesn't go with your decor. But since you like the painting, keep it—you never know when your tastes will change and you'll find a fit. If your friend sees and comments about the fact that you haven't hung it, say, "It's awesome, but I'm waiting until I have the right spot for it." Be sure to let her know you appreciate it even if it's not on your wall yet.

**HAVE A QUESTION?** E-mail Emily Post's great-great-granddaughter at lizzie@goodhousekeeping.com.