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Neutrals are the foundation of any interior scheme but as 2009 moves into 2010, the traditional "greying off" of color moves front and center in a new way.

**White**

White is essential for the relationships of other colors to be understood. It's like the vanilla in a chocolate cake. It is often the choice of people in a transitional period of their lives such as moving, divorce, career change or other events. White represents cleansing and renewal.

The Color Marketing Group, [CMG], the international trend and color forecasting organization, has identified white as an important color for 2010. It shows up as the underlying force for the final year of the decade and the beginning of the next.

**Black**

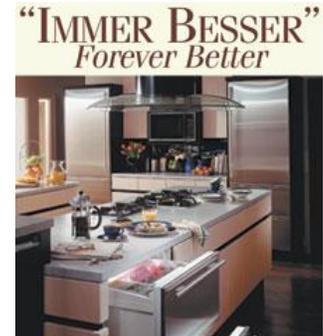
Black always seems to represent power and prestige. It is upscale and authoritative, especially for women. Accessories in black add elegance to any interior plan. It is most appropriately used as an anchoring and accent color. The combination of black, white and gold is considered to be the most upscale color grouping.

**Grey**

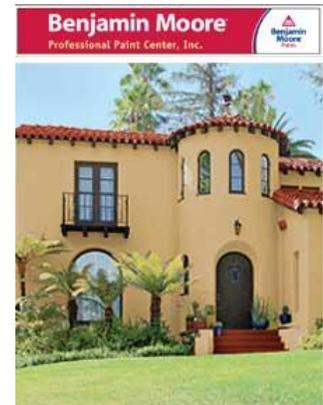
It has been noted that colors tend to become greyer at the end of every decade.

Grey lends an upscale quality to any environment but use caution as it can be lifeless, cold, and depressing in large amounts. The new trend with grey is to infuse it with other hues. It readily takes on the personality of the surrounding palette.

Interiors with a predominance of grey are always sophisticated and graceful.



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