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# Assignment 4: <br> Preliminary Color Scheme for a Home Office 

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Your client is soliciting your design expertise to provide a preliminary color scheme for their home office. Conduct research to determine what your client's needs might be, based on their preferences and design philosophy. Indicate whether you have chosen a related or contrasting color scheme and why. Describe the basic hues, values, and saturation. Use paint chips or color chips to signify your choices for the major components of the space, such as walls, ceilings, floors, fabrics, and furniture finish. Find an example of a color board of an office from the internet and write a brief narrative of how is satisfies the research. Submit this assignment on Canvas in either WORD or PDF format. See sample below:

Color Scheme


## Preliminary Color Scheme for a Home Office

## Client's information:

Mrs. Wanda Chandler, currently residing in the Temple City, is a retired Chinese-American woman and widow in her 70s; she was originally from the City of Fuzhou, Province of Fujian, China, has lived in Hong Kong for 15 years and in the County of Los Angeles, California, the United States, for 40 years; she owns a Chinese restaurant serving Fuzhou-style Chinese food; she used to manage the restaurant but leases it to a Chinese-American family who operates it now. She owns several apartments for rental incomes. She is a lover of plant and flowers, and a collector of arts and crafts too.

## Client's aesthetic preferences and design philosophy:

Mrs. Wanda Chandler was raised in China in a wealthy literati-gentry family of land-owners and entrepreneurs before the 1949 Chinese Revolution and received a traditional Chinese education at home in addition to schooling in public schools operated by the Chinese Nationalist Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek before 1949, but by the new Chinese Communist Government of Chairman Mao Tsetung after 1949. She also received some education in Hong Kong in a Britishoperated private high school after her family moved to Hong Kong. Therefore, her aesthetic values are a combination of traditional Chinese and modern Anglo-American elements. Besides business endeavors, she is also active in local Chinese-American civil groups; and her preference is on one based on traditional Chinese arts and culture with inclusion of some Anglo-American elements. She prefers light pastel colors with some focus or accents in intense colors, with a "feminine" feeling, to create a quiet, peaceable, but at the same time romantic, dynamic and rhythmic environment. In order to reflect her basic aesthetic values, the choice of colors would take into consideration the following factors: (1) Color association in Western and Eastern cultures, (2) meanings of colors in Feng Shui, and (3) meanings of colors in Bagua (the Eight Spiritual Signs).


## Client's needs:

Mrs. Wanda Chandler needs a home office that could be used for (1) processing payment of rents from renters and transfer of money to her banking accounts, (2) watch YouTube videos from a large screen to be placed on a drawer, (3) receive guests on the weekends and during holiday seasons for private parties or lectures by scholars to small groups of prominent Chinese-Americans in Southern California, and (4) receive private lessons on Chinese brush painting and American impressionist painting as a hobby, with a one-to-one, or one-to-five instructor-student ratio.

## Chosen color scheme:

Analogous with various values and saturations of 5 warm colors, including Red Orange, Orange, Yellow Orange, Yellow, and Yellow Green.


The chosen analogous color harmony scheme.
Basic hues, values, and saturation:
Tints of the above 5 colors would be used for walls and ceiling to create a pastel-like and impressionistic chromatic attributes of the interior space, with a general atmosphere of quietness and peace, with a "feminine" feeling, suitable for a well-educated retired businesswoman.

Intense hues, shades and tones would be used to create accents or focuses in the interior space, on furniture, fixtures, and decorative items such arts and crafts works; this would make the interior space a romantic, dynamic and rhythmic environment, for entertainment of the owner and her friends.
Paint chips samples from The Home Depot will be used as reference colors:
(1) Light or "pastel" colors or tints for walls and ceiling, to be painted with semi-gloss paint from The Home Depot;
(2) Dark colors or "shades" and "tones" as well as intense or "pure" hues, as reference colors for fixtures, furniture, arts and crafts or decorative items.


Home Depot Paint samples for walls and ceiling. Color references for movable fixtures and objects.


Yellow Green paint samples with different values and saturations, The Home Depot.


Yellow paint samples with different values and saturations, The Home Depot.


Orange paint samples with different values and saturations, The Home Depot.


Red paint samples with different values and saturations, The Home Depot.
Colors for the major components of the space:

- Walls: As show in the picture below, three walls could be painted with light orange and light yellow with semi-gloss water-based paint from The Home Depot; the missing wall could have a mural painting similar in color scheme to the image shown.
- Ceiling: Semi-gloss water-based light yellow green paint from The Home Depot could be used.
- Floor: Carpet with dark green color could be used to give a feeling of "nature" or lawn.
- Fabrics: Reference colors in the picture below could be used.
- Furniture finish: Reference colors, notably brown, dark or high intensity red orange, orange, yellow orange and yellow, as well as neutral colors (black, gray, silver, copper or gold) as shown in the picture below could be used; these colors apply to (1) traditional Chinese style furniture for entertaining activities, and (2) Modern American or international style office furniture (especially those made by IKEA) for office work activities.


Color Scheme No. 1 for walls, ceiling and carpet floor.


Color Scheme No. 1 for walls, ceiling and green marble floor.


Green marble suppliers.


Color Scheme No. 2 for walls, ceiling and light yellow orange marble floor.


Light yellow orange (beige) marble from The Home Depot.


Color Scheme No. 2 for walls, ceiling and dark yellow orange marble floor.


Dark yellow orange marble from Lowe's.


Color Scheme No. 2 for walls, ceiling and dark red orange marble floor.


Dark red orange marble from The Home Depot.


Reference colors for fabrics and furniture finish. (The Home Depot paint color sample)

Samples of Gilded Gold MTL137 and Rejoyce MTL106 (silver) in The Home Depot sample book feature Interesting marble effects.


The Home Depot neutral color sample booklets and neutral color samples.


Traditional Chinese style furniture.


Modern American style office furniture.


IKEA style office furniture.


Plants and vases for indoor use from Home Depot, Wal-Mart or Lowe's could be used for "biophilia" effect and as air freshers.


Traditional Chinese style rugs could be used to reflect the client's cultural values.


Traditional Chinese style arts and crafts could be used to reflect the client's cultural values.


Van Gogh Mary Cassatt impressionist paintings could be used to reflect the client's multi-cultural values.

