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COLOR
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Fiery, bold, powerful, racy—red is synonymous with high energy. Its mood-lifting vibrancy is just the sort of thing we crave in the gray days of winter. (Maybe that's why they feature so prominently in holiday decorations?) But red's strength also makes it tough to use without overwhelming. We've unwrapped the tricks to using these juicy tones in warm, livable rooms.

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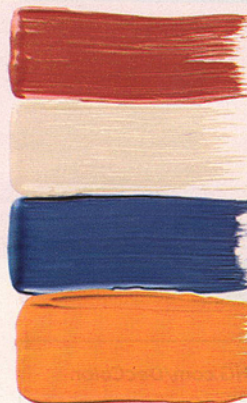
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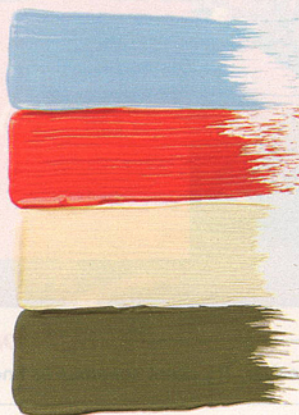
says Washington, D.C., designer Annie Elliott. "It's a cozy color. But if you shift the tone a bit from primary red—make it an orangy red, deepen it to wine, or add gray for a Nantucket red—it becomes a color you can love all year long." Deep, spicy reds like in this living room, *above*, are Annie's favorites. "The most sophisticated way to use these reds is to team them with colors that are close but don't quite match," she says. Merlot, coral, and eggplant in the living room's rug and upholstery have the intensity to balance the orangy-red wall shade.

RED HOT



ENVELOPED BY WARMTH

"There's no bolder way to celebrate red than to put it on your walls," Elliott says. Hints of brown give this wall color a livable, rich tone and meld well with a creamy trim color. Orange—red's close cousin—is a seamless accent; strong navy acts as a neutral. **WALL** Blazer 212 (Farrow & Ball) **ACCENTS** Pale Almond OC-2 (Benjamin Moore), Indigo Cloth 4009-7 (Valspar), Emergency Zone P190-6 (Behr).



HAPPY ACCENT

Use just a taste of red to add punch to a room scheme. "The stronger red, the better," Elliott says. This clear primary shade borrows the volume of soft sky-blue walls and pale yellow accents. A mature, earthy green grounds the mix. **WALL** China Blue 2052-60 (Benjamin Moore) **ACCENTS** Real Red 6868 and Lemon Drop 7122 (Sherwin-Williams), Palmer Green CW-475 (Benjamin Moore) ■