

80/20 Palette Ratio Guide

Balance stark monochrome contrast with inviting warmth.

Master the warmth balance in a high-contrast space by mixing matte finishes, zellige tile, and brass. Use this guide to dial in your material ratios perfectly.

● Key Material Metrics

10-15 %

Gloss level for low-glare matte finish

4x4 in

Glazed zellige tile size

1/16 in

Grout line for handmade tile

2-3

Distinct organic wood tones to layer

Prevent Matte Burnishing

Use a microfiber cloth and a gentle, pH-neutral cleaner to lift daily grease without rubbing shiny spots into your matte finishes' clear coat.



● Evaluate Black Paint Swatches

Find your row: **Time of day**

Time of day	Your pick	Why
Morning testing	Cool, blue-tinted light	Mutes brown warmth; check for starkness
Noon testing	Bright, direct light	Highlights true color; verify depth
Afternoon testing	Warm, golden light	Enhances brown base; confirm coziness

● Warming Elements & Materials

- ☐ Brown-undertone black paint to prevent a top-heavy room feel
- ☐ Soft alabaster base on uppers for a seamless visual lift
- ☐ Glazed zellige tile to create a transitional reflective bridge
- ☐ Subtle, warm gray non-sanded grout to protect delicate glazes
- ☐ Living finish brass hardware that patinas to inject warmth
- ☐ Specialized brass cream to gently restore bright golden highlights

● Visual Weight Checks

- ☐ Count your solid monochrome zones to confirm the foundation.
- ☐ Measure warm accent coverage across brass, wood, and woven textures.
- ☐ Verify that warming elements stay at the visual weight threshold.
- ☐ Check that interior window mullions match your lower cabinet color.

● Space Details & Notes

Enjoy bringing your beautifully balanced, warm monochrome kitchen to life!