Blue Paint & Materials Cheat Sheet

Balance cool architectural tones with warm organic textures for a harmonious space.

Confidently select the right paints, finishes, and complementary materials for your navy makeover. This guide helps you navigate undertones and textures for a timeless result.



Key Measurements & Specs

10-15
LRV for depth and rich character

Top third
Drawer face placement for cup pulls

1.5 inches
Edge thickness for grounded visual weight

18-20 inches
Shelf clearance for your tallest appliances

3000K
LED bulb temperature to keep vibrant

Prevent Muddy Colors

Always use a gray-tinted bonding primer after a thorough deglossing. It prevents original wood tones from altering the blue and ensures dark pigments adhere securely.

Choosing Your Navy Undertone

Find your row: **Room light or goal**

Room light or goal	Your pick	Why
North-facing light	Green undertone	Warms the room
Bright, sunny spaces	Purple undertone	Adds formal drama
Highlighting brass accents	Gray undertone	Stays neutral as a foundation

Materials & Finishes

- [ ] Matte paint finish for a soft, glare-free backdrop
- [ ] Raw brass hardware for patina that intentionally oxidizes
- [ ] Warm white quartz for expansive horizontal contrast
- [ ] White oak accents to bring essential organic texture
- [ ] Polished nickel plumbing fixtures to contrast aging brass
- [ ] Water-based matte polyurethane to prevent wood from yellowing
- [ ] Clear matte polyurethane topcoat to protect painted cabinets

Pre-Installation Checks

- ○ Evaluate paint swatches in shadowed corners to see nighttime behavior.
- ○ Check paint cards for the exact Light Reflectance Value.
- ○ Locate wall studs for drilling heavy-duty concealed bracket rods.
- ○ Check bracket packaging for weight ratings to safely support dishware.

Project Notes

Enjoy bringing your deeply harmonious, restorative cooking environment to life!