

Brown Undertone Matching Sheet

Layer paint, wood, and leather for a warmly glowing living room.

Balance undertones and calculate exact ratios so your brown living room glows beautifully. Use this guide to confidently mix depths without your space feeling heavy.

● Palette & Lighting Ratios

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values in B&W photo of room

2700K, 90+ CRI

bulb specs to prevent muddy walls

25%

ceiling tint mix of wall color

2+ shades

gap between furniture and floor wood

10%

powder blue ratio for visual relief

The Monochrome Contrast Test

Switch your phone camera to the Mono filter before taking a picture. A balanced room clearly displays distinct contrast levels so textiles never blend into the background.



● Undertone & Depth Pairings

Find your row: **Your primary brown**

Your primary brown	Your pick	Why
Red-based	Rust paint, cognac leather, espresso	Layers light, mid, and dark reds
Yellow-based	Cream paint, camel fabric, teak	Layers light, mid, dark yellow tones
Grey-based	Mushroom paint, taupe, dark walnut	Layers light, mid, and dark greys

● Layering Textures

- ☐ Paint walls a matte mocha to create a cozy foundation.
- ☐ Source a vintage leather sofa for organic patina and texture.
- ☐ Drape a chunky knit throw over smooth leather surfaces.
- ☐ Place an area rug to separate furniture legs from floorboards.
- ☐ Introduce cool accents through small ceramic vases or linen cushions.

● Check Before You Buy

- Identify your floorboards' underlying red or yellow tint.
- Compare wood furniture samples against your flooring for contrast.
- Check bulb packaging for the correct temperature and color rendering.
- Test fabric swatches against your wall using a monochrome filter.

● Room Measurements & Notes

Here is to a beautifully layered space that glows from the ground up!