

10 Pro-Approved House and Deck Color Combinations for a Timeless Look

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If you're in the process of choosing a deck color and are unsure what hue to select, you will want to read on for tips from the pros regarding timeless house and deck color combinations.

Below, we're also sharing 10 of our favorite examples of the winning pairings.

Factors to Consider When Choosing Colors

Below are a few of the key factors to keep top of mind when choosing your hues.

Note that experts agree that there is no hard and fast rule as to whether or not a deck should be darker or lighter than the house.

"It's a matter of individual taste and what best complements the overall aesthetic of a home and outdoor space," Mary Gordon, vice president at [InSite Builders & Remodeling](#), says.

Natural and Neighborhood Surroundings

You will want to take into account your natural surroundings to ensure that the hue you select is complementary, Marnie Oursler, the founder of [Marnie Custom Homes](#), says. Kieran Fannan, a project architect at [TriVistaUSA](#), also agrees.

"Play on the earthy tones if the home is in a wooded environment or coastal tones if it is in a brighter location," Fannan says.

Take a look at the homes that surround yours and examine the colors used so that your home will blend in nicely.

Desired Flow

When choosing a deck color, you will also want to determine how you would like your home to flow.

"A color that complements the house can create a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor spaces, while a contrasting color can define the deck as a distinct outdoor room," Michael Winn, the founder of [Winn Design + Build](#), says.

Home Color Palette

If you do choose a contrasting color, though, be sure that it does not fully clash with the home.

Jim Rill, the founder of [Rill Architects](#), recommends not overshadowing the main house. "Blend and compose with the exterior and interior colors," he says.

Environmental Factors

Last but not least, it's important to consider environmental factors, such as sun exposure, when selecting a deck color.

"Darker-colored decks may absorb more heat but can create a striking contrast with a lighter-colored house," Gordon says, while lighter-colored decks may be cooler to the touch when the sun is shining.

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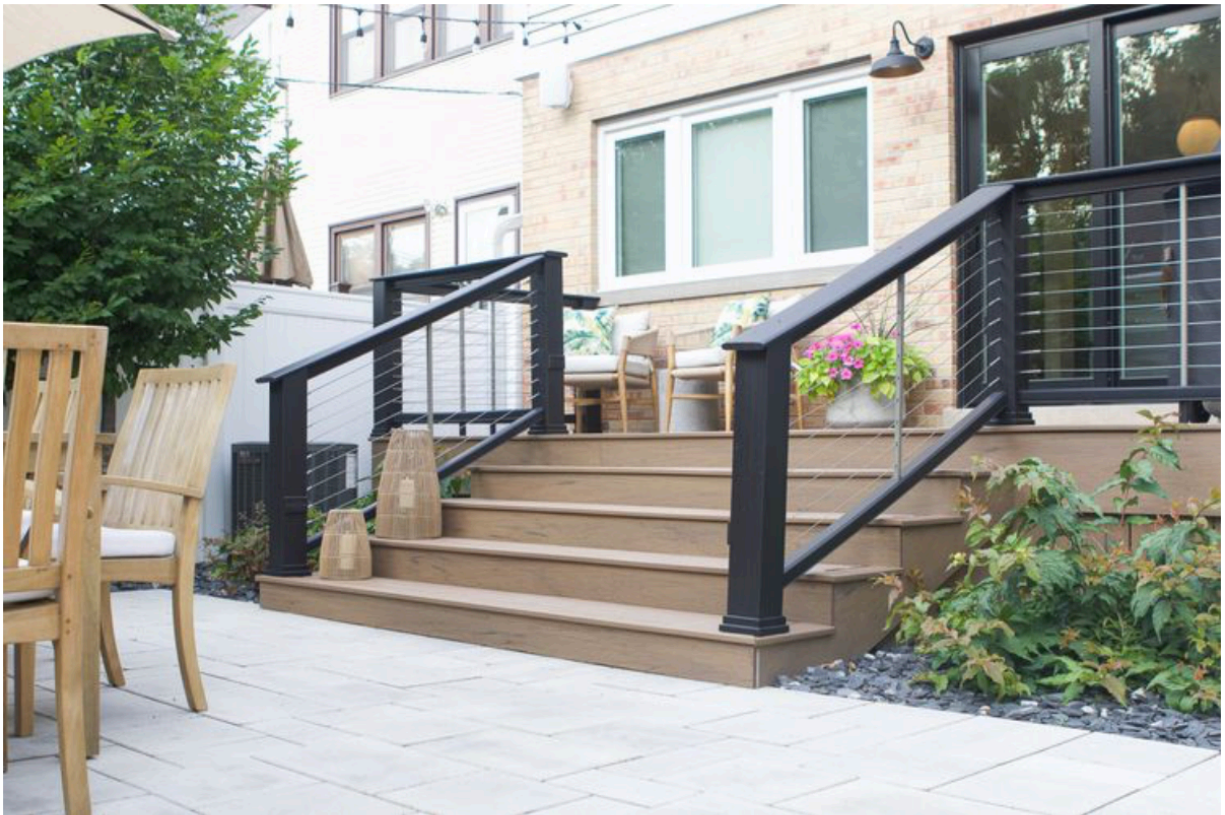
Simple and Serene: Gray House and White Deck



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White and gray are a popular color pairing that evokes a soothing feel. Far from being overwhelming, this duo of hues will add charm to your home.

Contemporary Chic: Tan House and Black Deck

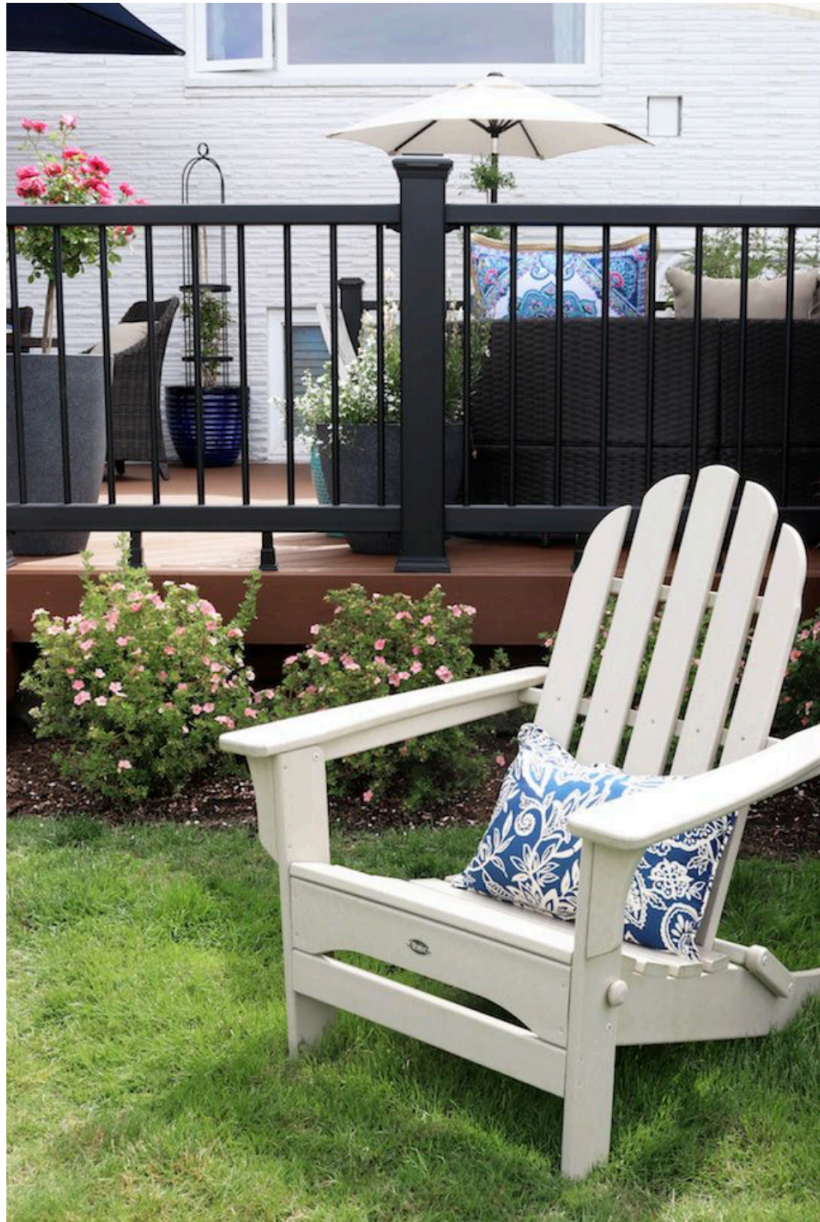


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Black and tan make for a contemporary color pairing that is sharp and sleek. This style of deck railing, in particular, reads more modern, due to the metal inserts which distinctly define the outdoor area.

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Timeless Look: White House and Black Deck



 The Inspired Room

What's a more timeless pairing than black and white? There's no reason to veer away from a tried and true combo if you have a penchant for the classics. Bring in colorful decor accents or blooms depending on the season for a splash of color.

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Farmhouse Feel: Off-White House and Black Deck



 Colleen Pastoor of Lemon Thistle

Off-white and black are an excellent combination for those who desire a farmhouse-style look. The addition of [string lights on this deck](#) ceiling brings some extra welcoming, rustic flair.

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Cozy and Warm: Gray House and Black Deck



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Paired together, gray and black evoke a cozy and dark academia feel. This color combination is a great solution for those looking for a sharp contrast that isn't too daring.

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Cottage Style: Blue Gray House and Natural Wood Deck



 Marty's Musings

This natural wooden deck brings with it some art deco flair, all thanks to the wood design that is captivating and unexpected. If you're drawn to a cottage-like look, pair a relaxing [blue gray paint color](#) with natural wood to bring in some rustic touches.

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Rustic Roots: Beige House and Natural Wood Deck



 ToolBox Divas

Rustic style is all about a no frills, natural-looking approach to design, and so using a natural wood deck like this one is a no-brainer. These yellow and beige tones home complement the light wood tone.

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Industrial Statement: White House and Gray Brown Deck



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This white house with a brown deck—which appears a bit gray in tone—is a winning color combo. The use of metal bars adds an industrial touch to the exterior.



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This deck features low brick railings that play to the home's mostly brick exterior. Red brick is sophisticated and grand, and carrying it over from the house to the deck makes an elevated statement.

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Minimalist Mix: Off-White House and White Deck



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If you're more of a minimalist, there's nothing wrong with a white on white look. Varying your shades (mixing with white off-white) will add just enough variation into the mix.

Benefits of Choosing a Good Deck and House Color Combination

There are several key reasons, which we will explore in detail below, as to why you'll want to be mindful of the deck and house color combination that you choose.

Curb Appeal

"A harmonious house and deck color combination significantly enhances a home's curb appeal, creating a welcoming first impression and increasing its value," Winn says.

Customizing your landscape and choosing bright garden blooms are also great ways to add to the overall curb appeal.

Outdoor Ambiance

Your backyard is a critical component of your home, and the deck color you choose will set a key tone.

"The right color scheme can define the outdoor living space's ambiance, making it a more inviting and enjoyable area," Winn says.

FAQ

Should a deck be lighter or darker than the house?

This is up to one's personal preference, there is no hard and fast rule. However, it's important to consider that darker tones will absorb heat more in warmer months.

Does the deck color have to match house?

A deck color doesn't have to match the house but it should complement the house and its surroundings.

What is the most popular color for decks?

Natural brown wood is a popular deck color, according to the pros since it pairs well with various exterior color palettes. To protect the wood, consider [using a reputable deck stain](#) to help shield it from weather elements.