Bravura in a warm modern room

Bravura, from the Shaw Floors Expressions 9.5" line, is a dark white oak hardwood with a golden undertone (LRV 12, measured from its own picture). Here it is with Repose Gray walls, Greek Villa trim, and Upward on the cabinets, chosen by the numbers.









THE PALETTE

THE FLOOR	WALLS	TRIM	CABINETS	WOOD
Bravura LRV 12	**Repose Gray** Sherwin-Williams SW 7015 LRV 58.2	**Greek Villa** Sherwin-Williams SW 7551 LRV 84.2	**Upward** Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 LRV 57.4	**A charcoal wood** Like our Royal Mahogany stain sample

Shaw Floors

Bravura

Shaw Floors Expressions 9.5" · SW754-07122

Engineered hardwood · White oak · 9.5 in

Price, specs and samples:
powellflooring.com/floors/shawfloors/expressions-9-5/bravura

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WALLS, TRIM AND CABINETS

WALLS
Repose Gray
Sherwin-Williams SW 7015 · LRV 58.2 · +47 from the floor
A soft neutral with a touch of warmth (hue 97°), so Bravura stays golden without turning yellow.

OR WALLS
Revere Pewter
Benjamin Moore HC-172 · LRV 55.1 · +44 from the floor
A soft neutral with a touch of warmth (hue 95°), so Bravura stays golden without turning yellow.

TRIM AND CEILINGS
Greek Villa
Sherwin-Williams SW 7551 · LRV 84.2 · +73 from the floor
73 points over Bravura in LRV and warm enough (chroma 5.3) to read white, not blue, beside its golden undertone.

CABINETS
Upward
Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 · LRV 57.4 · +46 from the floor
A light color with some life in it, so cabinets float off Bravura (a 46 point step in LRV).

Cabinets in Upward or Greek Villa: a dark floor needs light cabinets to float above it.

THE FLOOR, MEASURED

LRV	LIGHTNESS L*	UNDERTONE	HUE
12	41	Golden	68°

A golden undertone, warm without leaning red. LRV is light reflectance value: 0 is black, 100 is white. A wall within 30 points of the floor blurs into it (BS 8300).

Bravura is lighter than 33 percent of the 1,739 hardwood floors we carry, measured the same way, and warmer than 16 percent of them.

WOOD, RUGS AND METALS

A step darker: a charcoal wood
About 15 points darker than Bravura in L* (26 against 41), far enough to read as a choice. Like our Royal Mahogany stain sample.

A step lighter: a light natural wood
About 15 points lighter than Bravura in L* (56 against 41). Like our Neutral stain sample.

Tone on tone: stone gray
7 in chroma, half the warmth of Bravura (15), and 28 points lighter in L*.

Across the wheel: mist blue
Hue 248°, straight across the color wheel from the 68° of Bravura, softened to balance it.

Grounding: fog gray
A light note at L* 86, 45 points from the 41 of Bravura, so a rug keeps its edge.

Aged brass
A warm metal that agrees with the golden undertone of Bravura (hue 68°).

Unlacquered brass
Left unsealed, it darkens with handling to a softer warm tone beside Repose Gray walls.

Matte black
Black works with every undertone; beside Bravura at LRV 12 it gives the room its outline.

ROOM BY ROOM

- **Living room** Repose Gray walls and Greek Villa trim around Bravura, a stone gray rug with a fog gray border, a coffee table in a charcoal wood, aged brass lamps.
- **Kitchen** Cabinets in Upward so they float off Bravura, Greek Villa walls and trim, unlacquered brass pulls.
- **Bedroom** Revere Pewter walls, bedding in stone gray with one mist blue pillow, nightstands in a light natural wood.
- **Entry** A fog gray runner on Bravura, Upward on the front door, a matte black mirror.

WHAT TO AVOID

- Walls at the lightness of Bravura: Pewter Green (Sherwin-Williams SW 6208, LRV 11.8) sits within a point of its LRV of 12, so wall and floor would blur into one.
- Wood that almost matches Bravura: a tone like our Aged Barrel sample, 3.6 apart (CIEDE2000), reads as a near miss. Go clearly darker or lighter.
- Walls that lean yellow: yellow on yellow flattens the golden undertone of Bravura (hue 68°).

THE ROOM IT SUITS

At LRV 12, Bravura is dark: it is at its best in a big room with good light and warm lamps, and it shows dust, pet hair and fine scratches more than a mid tone.

At 9.5 inches a board, Bravura lays about 16 boards across a 12 foot room, so the room reads open with few seams.

Engineered hardwood: living spaces and bedrooms on every level, kept out of full baths.

Hardness: White oak: Janka 1,360 lbf

Construction: Engineered

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