Corten in a modern farmhouse room

Corten from the Fifth and Main Symbiotic 20 line is a mid dark vinyl plank with an amber undertone (measured from its own picture: LRV 14). Here it is with Chantilly Lace walls, Swiss Coffee trim, and Upward cabinets, chosen by the numbers.









THE PALETTE

THE FLOOR	WALLS	TRIM	CABINETS	WOOD
Corten LRV 14	**Chantilly Lace** Benjamin Moore OC-65 LRV 90	**Swiss Coffee** Benjamin Moore OC-45 LRV 81.9	**Upward** Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 LRV 57.4	**A charcoal wood** Like our Ebony stain sample

Fifth and Main

Corten

Fifth and Main Symbiotic 20 · `5M303-07007`

Vinyl plank · 6 in

Price, specs and samples:
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WALLS, TRIM AND CABINETS

WALLS
Chantilly Lace
Benjamin Moore OC-65 · LRV 90 · +76 from the floor
Its undertone leans green (hue 125°), which quiets the orange in Corten (hue 63°) instead of echoing it.

OR WALLS
Dover White
Sherwin-Williams SW 6385 · LRV 82.5 · +69 from the floor
Its undertone leans green (hue 93°), which quiets the orange in Corten (hue 63°) instead of echoing it.

TRIM AND CEILINGS
Swiss Coffee
Benjamin Moore OC-45 · LRV 81.9 · +68 from the floor
68 points over Corten in LRV and warm enough (chroma 5.7) to read white, not blue, beside its amber undertone.

CABINETS
Upward
Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 · LRV 57.4 · +44 from the floor
A light color with some life in it, so cabinets float off Corten (a 44 point step in LRV).

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

THE FLOOR, MEASURED

LRV	LIGHTNESS L*	UNDERTONE	HUE
14	44	Amber	63°

An amber undertone, warm and a little orange. LRV is light reflectance value: 0 is black, 100 is white. A wall within 30 points of the floor blurs into it (BS 8300).

Corten is lighter than 22 percent of the 1,202 vinyl floors we carry, measured the same way, and warmer than 75 percent of them.

WOOD, RUGS AND METALS

A step darker: a charcoal wood
About 15 points darker than Corten in L* (29 against 44), far enough to read as a choice. Like our Ebony stain sample.

A step lighter: a light natural wood
About 17 points lighter than Corten in L* (61 against 44). Like our Silvered Gray stain sample.

Tone on tone: putty
8 in chroma, half the warmth of Corten (18), and 28 points lighter in L*.

Across the wheel: mist blue
Hue 243°, straight across the color wheel from the 63° of Corten, softened to balance it.

Grounding: espresso
A deep note at L* 20, 24 points from the 44 of Corten, so a rug keeps its edge.

Matte black
Black works with every undertone; beside Corten at LRV 14 it gives the room its outline.

Aged brass
A warm metal that agrees with the amber undertone of Corten (hue 63°).

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

ROOM BY ROOM

- **Living room** Chantilly Lace walls and Swiss Coffee trim, a putty rug with an espresso edge on Corten, a coffee table in a charcoal wood.
- **Kitchen** Cabinets in Upward so they float off Corten, Swiss Coffee walls and trim, aged brass pulls.
- **Dining room** A table in a charcoal wood on Corten, chairs in a light natural wood, aged brass pendants.
- **Bedroom** Dover White walls, putty linen, a mist blue quilt, unlacquered brass on the lamps.

WHAT TO AVOID

- Walls at the lightness of Corten: Rosemary (Sherwin-Williams SW 6187, LRV 13.6) sits within a point of its LRV of 14, so wall and floor would blur into one.
- Wood that almost matches Corten: a tone like our Nutmeg sample, 3.7 apart (CIEDE2000), reads as a near miss. Go clearly darker or lighter.
- Pink or peach beige walls: they pull more orange out of the amber undertone of Corten (hue 63°).

THE ROOM IT SUITS

At LRV 14, Corten is mid 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 6 inches a board, Corten lays about 24 boards across a 12 foot room.

Living spaces and bedrooms; ask us about wet rooms.

Wear layer: 20 mil

Finish: ExoGuard+®

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