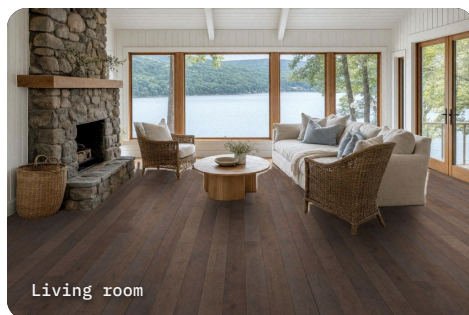
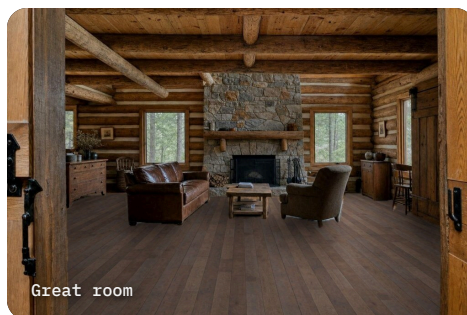
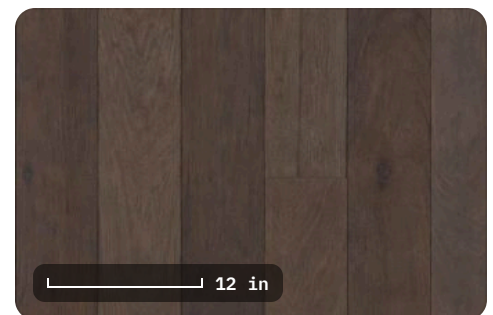


# Metro Brown in a dark and moody room

Metro Brown from the Shaw Floors Alpine Hickory line is a dark hickory hardwood with a warm greige undertone, measured from its own picture at LRV 7. Here it is with Thunder walls, Swiss Coffee trim, and Swiss Coffee on the cabinets, chosen by the numbers.



## THE PALETTE

| THE FLOOR                   | WALLS                                               | TRIM                                                    | CABINETS                                                | WOOD                                                              |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Metro Brown</b><br>LRV 7 | <b>Thunder</b><br>Benjamin Moore AF-685<br>LRV 47.6 | <b>Swiss Coffee</b><br>Benjamin Moore OC-45<br>LRV 81.9 | <b>Swiss Coffee</b><br>Benjamin Moore OC-45<br>LRV 81.9 | <b>A smoky gray brown wood</b><br>Like our Dark Gray stain sample |



## Metro Brown

Shaw Floors Alpine Hickory · SW710-07065

Engineered hardwood • Hickory • 6.38 in

Price, specs and samples:

[powellflooring.com/floors/shawfloors/alpine-hickory/metro-brown](http://powellflooring.com/floors/shawfloors/alpine-hickory/metro-brown)

## WALLS, TRIM AND CABINETS



## WALLS

**Thunder**

Benjamin Moore AF-685 · LRV 47.6 · +41 from the floor  
A warm white or greige in the same soft family as Metro Brown (hue 92° against its 55°).



## OR WALLS

**Repose Gray**

Sherwin-Williams SW 7015 · LRV 58.2 · +52 from the floor  
A warm white or greige in the same soft family as Metro Brown (hue 97° against its 55°).



## TRIM AND CEILINGS

**Swiss Coffee**

Benjamin Moore OC-45 · LRV 81.9 · +75 from the floor  
75 points over Metro Brown in LRV and warm enough (chroma 5.7) to read white, not blue, beside its greige undertone.



## CABINETS

**Swiss Coffee**

Benjamin Moore OC-45 · LRV 81.9 · +75 from the floor  
A light color with some life in it, so cabinets float off Metro Brown (a 75 point step in LRV).

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

## THE FLOOR, MEASURED

| LRV      | LIGHTNESS L* | UNDERTONE     | HUE        |
|----------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>7</b> | <b>31</b>    | <b>Greige</b> | <b>55°</b> |

A warm greige: gray with a little brown in it. LRV is light reflectance value: 0 is black, 100 is white. A wall within 30 points of the floor blurs into it (BS 8300).

Metro Brown is lighter than 17 percent of the 1,739 hardwood floors we carry, measured the same way, and warmer than 5 percent of them.

## WOOD, RUGS AND METALS

**A step lighter: a smoky gray brown wood**

About 14 points lighter than Metro Brown in L\* (45 against 31). Like our Dark Gray stain sample.

**Tone on tone: smoke**

4 in chroma, half the warmth of Metro Brown (9), and 28 points lighter in L\*.

**Across the wheel: slate blue**

Hue 235°, straight across the color wheel from the 55° of Metro Brown, softened to balance it.

**Grounding: dove gray**

A light note at L\* 76, 45 points from the 31 of Metro Brown, so a rug keeps its edge.

**Aged brass**

A warm metal that agrees with the greige undertone of Metro Brown (hue 55°).

**Champagne bronze**

A paler warm metal, quieter than brass beside Thunder and Swiss Coffee.

**Brushed nickel**

A soft satin nickel, quieter than chrome, for the greige of Metro Brown.

## ROOM BY ROOM

- **Living room** Thunder walls and Swiss Coffee trim over Metro Brown, velvet in smoke with a slate blue pillow, aged brass lamps on low.
- **Kitchen** Cabinets in Swiss Coffee so they float off Metro Brown, Swiss Coffee walls and trim, champagne bronze pulls.
- **Bedroom** Repose Gray walls, smoke bedding, nightstands in a smoky gray brown wood, brushed nickel on the lamps.
- **Entry** A dove gray runner on Metro Brown, Swiss Coffee on the door, a champagne bronze mirror.

## WHAT TO AVOID

- Walls at the lightness of Metro Brown: Black Fox (Sherwin-Williams SW 7020, LRV 6.7) sits within a point of its LRV of 7, so wall and floor would blur into one.
- Wood that almost matches Metro Brown: a tone like our Ebony sample, 1.9 apart (CIEDE2000), reads as a near miss. Go clearly darker or lighter.
- Stark blue whites everywhere: a greige floor like Metro Brown turns muddy beside them. Keep the whites a little warm.

## THE ROOM IT SUITS

At LRV 7, Metro Brown 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 6.38 inches a board, Metro Brown lays about 23 boards across a 12 foot room.

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

**Hardness:** Hickory: Janka 1,820 lbf

**Construction:** Engineered



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