Taupe in a traditional room

Taupe from the Mullican Chatelaine 4" Maple line is a mid dark maple hardwood with a warm greige undertone (measured from its own picture: LRV 19). It pairs with Edgecomb Gray walls, Swiss Coffee trim, and Palladian Blue cabinets, chosen by the numbers.









THE PALETTE

THE FLOOR	WALLS	TRIM	CABINETS	WOOD
Taupe LRV 19	**Edgecomb Gray** Benjamin Moore HC-173 LRV 63.1	**Swiss Coffee** Benjamin Moore OC-45 LRV 81.9	**Palladian Blue** Benjamin Moore HC-144 LRV 60.4	**A charcoal wood** Like our Ebony stain sample

MULLICAN HARDWOOD FLOORING

Taupe

Mullican Chatelaine 4" Maple · 20158

Solid maple hardwood · Maple · 4 in

Price, specs and samples:
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WALLS, TRIM AND CABINETS

WALLS
Edgecomb Gray
Benjamin Moore HC-173 · LRV 63.1 · +44 from the floor
A warm white or greige in the same soft family as Taupe (hue 94° against its 59°).

OR WALLS
Creamy
Sherwin-Williams SW 7012 · LRV 81.2 · +62 from the floor
A warm white or greige in the same soft family as Taupe (hue 89° against its 59°).

TRIM AND CEILINGS
Swiss Coffee
Benjamin Moore OC-45 · LRV 81.9 · +63 from the floor
63 points over Taupe in LRV and warm enough (chroma 5.7) to read white, not blue, beside its greige undertone.

CABINETS
Palladian Blue
Benjamin Moore HC-144 · LRV 60.4 · +41 from the floor
A light color with some life in it, so cabinets float off Taupe (a 41 point step in LRV).

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

THE FLOOR, MEASURED

LRV	LIGHTNESS L*	UNDERTONE	HUE
19	51	Greige	59°

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).

Taupe is lighter than 49 percent of the 1,739 hardwood floors we carry, measured the same way, and warmer than 11 percent of them.

WOOD, RUGS AND METALS

A step darker: a charcoal wood
About 22 points darker than Taupe in L* (29 against 51), far enough to read as a choice. Like our Ebony stain sample.

A step lighter: a pale, bleached wood
About 16 points lighter than Taupe in L* (67 against 51). Like our Natural stain sample.

Tone on tone: fog gray
6 in chroma, half the warmth of Taupe (13), and 28 points lighter in L*.

Across the wheel: graphite
Hue 239°, straight across the color wheel from the 59° of Taupe, softened to balance it.

Grounding: charcoal
A deep note at L* 21, 30 points from the 51 of Taupe, so a rug keeps its edge.

Unlacquered brass
A warm metal that agrees with the greige undertone of Taupe (hue 59°).

Champagne bronze
A paler warm metal, quieter than brass beside Edgecomb Gray and Swiss Coffee.

Brushed nickel
A soft satin nickel, quieter than chrome, for the greige of Taupe.

ROOM BY ROOM

- **Living room** Edgecomb Gray walls, Swiss Coffee trim and crown, a patterned rug in graphite and charcoal on Taupe, furniture in a charcoal wood, unlacquered brass lamps.
- **Kitchen** Cabinets in Palladian Blue so they float off Taupe, Swiss Coffee walls and trim, champagne bronze pulls.
- **Dining room** Creamy walls, a table in a charcoal wood, chairs in fog gray, an unlacquered brass chandelier.
- **Bedroom** Edgecomb Gray walls, fog gray bedding, a graphite throw, nightstands in a pale, bleached wood.

WHAT TO AVOID

- Walls at the lightness of Taupe: Retreat (Sherwin-Williams SW 6207, LRV 20.9) sits 2 points from its LRV of 19, so wall and floor would blur into one.
- Wood that almost matches Taupe: a tone like our Warm Gray sample, 3.6 apart (CIEDE2000), reads as a near miss. Go clearly darker or lighter.
- Stark blue whites everywhere: a greige floor like Taupe turns muddy beside them. Keep the whites a little warm.

THE ROOM IT SUITS

At LRV 19, Taupe 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 4 inches a board, Taupe lays about 36 boards across a 12 foot room.

Solid hardwood: living spaces and bedrooms above grade, kept out of baths and basements.

Hardness: Hard maple: Janka 1,450 lbf

Construction: Solid maple hardwood

Finish: Aluminum Oxide Finish

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