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A lively tone, especially one that's different from the moldings and walls, turns a ho-hum hall or kitchen door into a cool showstopper. Consider something unexpected—a strong yellow, lime or cinnabar. Pick a dark or neutral color, like black, espresso or white, if your woodwork isn't pristine. And go diva with a zingy fuchsia, say, on the inside of a closet door. "You'll give yourself a little treat every time you get dressed," says Emerson.



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Turn the inside of a kitchen closet into a message center with a coat of chalkboard paint, like Benjamin Moore Studio Finishes Chalkboard (307). A recessed panel makes an ideal spot for notes and lists, says Emerson.



pattern play

"Big bands of color on the walls really pump up a white room," says Law. Instead of conventional, two-toned stripes, she wakes up a kid's room with wide swaths of orange and yellow and a narrow band of black. "The colors deliver a bold, graphic look," she says. Before you paint, use a tape measure and pencil to plot the pattern on the wall; mark the boundaries of the stripes with blue painter's tape, which won't remove existing paint when you peel it off.