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**Peony** pinks can be delicate and romantic or exciting and lush. Tans and browns wear well with hot pinks and rich reds in living rooms. For a fresh twist, try various shades of the hue—lights and darks—with teal or robin's egg blue.



### ROOMS IN BLOOM

Growing up in Massachusetts, Los Angeles designer Sasha Emerson came to love pink. "You knew summer had arrived when the peonies bloomed," she says.

■ **New again** "Pinks are not your grandmother's colors anymore," Sasha says. "In my design work, I use pink to evoke a mood that's playful, exuberant, and comforting."

■ **Punch it up** Enliven a small space such as a powder room or library with dark pink, Sasha suggests. "Richer, deeper colors can make a large room seem small but don't be afraid of going darker in a tight space."

■ **Soft side** Sasha uses peony-colored fabrics as window treatments and seat cushions. "I think of pink as an all-purpose color." 🏠

**1** Paint behind bookshelves, Authentic Pink 2006-60; benjamin-moore.com

**2** Pink Loren vase, \$30 (small); Cole River Co.; 612/435-0744

**3** Colonial Mills Easy Living Rug, \$40 (22"×34"); kohls.com

**4** Hobnail acrylic cake stand, \$28; Lane Sanson; 800/358-0053

**5** Joplin sofa (shown in ikat fabric), starts at \$1,500; robinbruce.com





ALL ABOUT COLOR

**Peony** petals from powder pinks to rich berry reds inspire a bouquet of fresh-cut colors.

**BROAD STROKES**

**ROSE BLOSSOM**

This ultrafeminine hue redefines regal when paired with shades of gray.  
Laura Ashley Deep Pink 104; [valspar.com](http://valspar.com)

**BROAD STROKES**

**POWDER BLUSH**

Give walls a dusting of this nearly neutral pink in a room where furniture and art take center stage.  
Plaster Pink 132-1; Pittsburgh Paints; [voiceofcolor.com](http://voiceofcolor.com)

**SMALL STROKES**

**FIERY FUCHSIA**

Create a striking combo with magenta accents plus black, white, or orange. Royal Flush 2076-20; [benjaminmoore.com](http://benjaminmoore.com)

**SMALL STROKES**  
**RASPBERRY ROUGE**

Ease color into a room with this attention-getting hue on a side table, chair, or desk. Cerise 6580; [sherwin-williams.com](http://sherwin-williams.com)

**BROAD STROKES**

**BALLET-SLIPPER PINK**

Walls in this muted pink work with warm accents such as gold, wood, or sisal.  
Peony Blush, Ralph Lauren Paint, VM46; [rlhome.polo.com](http://rlhome.polo.com)