

Note

Hospital authorities are exercising more and more care in the selection of the proper colors for decorating interiors. With that in mind this article and others have been written. Previous

articles dealt with the use of red, yellow, gray, blue and white. These articles are by M. Rea Paul, consulting colorist of National Lead Company. Extra copies of these articles can be obtained by writing to our nearest branch office.

Quiet . . . Soothing GREEN

Hospitals find its restful, tranquilizing influence especially valuable on walls of rooms for highly nervous patients.

GREEN is the color obtained by mixing yellow and blue. It combines the subduing properties of the blue with the warm cheerfulness of the yellow, and exerts a quieting, soothing influence on excitable, unstrung minds. This fact has been proved in hospitals where green has been used on walls of special rooms reserved for treatment of nerve cases. The restful quality of green has also led to its use in solariums and operating rooms and in nurses' dining rooms.

There are many types of green just as there are many types of other colors. There are gray-greens and blue-greens, called the cool greens because of the cooling effect of the blue and gray they contain. Then you have the yellow-greens, called the warm greens because of the influence of yellow, the sunlight color.

Care in selecting the green to use

THE selection of the proper green for the walls of a room or ward should receive the same careful attention as the selection of other colors. It is obvious that rooms in different parts of a hospital get different degrees of illumination. And the type of green to use depends on the illumination.

In unshaded rooms and wards where the natural illumination is glaring, and also creates an uncomfortable feeling of warmth, a sub-



duing and also cooling gray-green which absorbs many of the light-rays has a restful influence on nerve-racked minds. The stronger the light of the room, the more subdued should be the green color. In poorly lighted and in shaded rooms, a yellow-green should be employed because of its ability

to reflect the light received and also to create an atmosphere of warmth.

Solariums and operating rooms

HOSPITALS have made use of the restful, tranquilizing qualities of green in their solariums. Here a little more yellow is added to the green to lend life and brightness to the impression of peaceful restfulness given by the green. Because of its soothing, restful qualities, green is also used on operating room walls where, combined with a gray, it furnishes relief for the surgeon's eyes when he glances up from the brilliantly lit operating table.

But remember that in the selection of colors every room in the hospital should be considered as a separate problem. All that we can do here is suggest the possible uses of a color which should, however, be modified to suit conditions varying

according to the illumination, exposure, the size of the room and the use to which the room is put. All the greens are easily obtained by tinting paint made of Dutch Boy white-lead and Dutch Boy flatting oil with the proper coloring pigments. Thus, you get a beautiful durable wall finish that can be washed as often as necessary without harming the paint film.

Let color specialists help you

YOU can, with no expense, obtain the co-operation of our Department of Decoration in selecting the proper colors for any room in your hospital or for the entire building. The specialists in this department have made a study of hospital decoration and the therapeutic value attributed to color. They are working today with hospital administration boards, superintendents and architects on the subject, preparing paint specifications, paint formulas and actual color samples.

More than 200 hospitals throughout the country are successfully using the color treatments recommended by this department. If you wish further information regarding the service which this department can render you, write to the Department of Decoration in care of our nearest branch.



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