



Drizzle (SW 6479)
sherwin-williams.com

FOR A BOLDER NOTE

“This lively but soothing shade in a satin finish sets up a home for an unexpectedly bright door, like a high-gloss chartreuse!”

– **SUSAN CURRIE**
New Orleans;
susancurriedesign.com

PAINT PRIMER

Why So Blue?

Whether it's superstition or long-standing tradition, painting a porch ceiling anything other than “haint blue” just feels wrong. Five designers share their favorites

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Palladian Blue (HC-144)
benjaminmoore.com

LIKE A SKYLIGHT

“Today, a blue porch ceiling is a welcoming extension of blue skies. Emulate the most basic color of nature with this soft shade in a satin finish.”

– **PHOEBE HOWARD**
Jacksonville, Florida;
phoebehoward.net

Green Blue (84)
us.farrow-ball.com

BRIGHT AND AIRY

“This precise robin's egg aqua-blue doesn't read too cool or too pastel when sunlight bounces off it. Plus, the green from your plants' foliage will reflect in it beautifully.”

– **MEG LONERGAN**
Houston;
meglonergan.com **SL**

Rainwashed (SW 6211)
sherwin-williams.com

SOOTHING HUE

“This is the ideal mix of tones – with a dash of green and gray for subtlety.”

– **GWEN DRISCOLL**
Memphis; driscolldesignand
decoration.com

Stardew (SW 9138)
sherwin-williams.com

NOT TOO BREEZY

“This option is a bit grayer than most porch ceilings. Colors tend to appear lighter outdoors, so I like to go slightly darker.”

– **KEVIN WALSH**
Little Rock; bearhillinteriors.com