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"Lilac is great for bedrooms. It's a very restful color, so it's the perfect shade to surround yourself in when you want to unwind and get away from the stress of the day. It's also a very cerebral color, so it's great for meditation rooms or a place to cozy up and read."

—Barbara Richardson, director of color marketing, Glidden Paints

# Lilac Time

Neal Decker's canvas-and-leather 18-inch-high tote is ideal for hauling home your lilacs from the farmers' market (\$175).

SOFT AND CALMING, THESE PALE PINKISH PURPLES ARE BLOOMING YEAR-ROUND ON TABLES, BEDS, WALLS AND WINDOWS. By Sarah Lynch



"I've always used lilac. I love it because it looks great on everyone—blondes, brunettes, redheads. To warm it up even more, use a pale, pale pink on the ceiling."

—Mario Buatta, decorator extraordinaire

From ready-made to mix-your-own (left to right): Glidden's Lilac Whimsy is available from your local hardware store (\$15/gallon); thick and creamy, Devine Color's Grapes and Beans is a 100% acrylic-blend paint that is odorless, stain resistant and washable (\$31/gallon, \$2.50/sample pouch); find the perfect blend using pure artist pigment—here we combined Guerra Paints' Cobalt Caprice Violet pigment with plain white latex paint for the perfect shade of lilac (\$22/four oz. bottle plus the cost of the paint).

Sandback's three-part coffee table is lightweight concrete pigmented in three saturations of purple (it also comes in 34 other colors) and sits on an aluminum base (48 by 48 by 15 inches, \$3,945).

