

Stain Color *Look Book*

2025 – 2026 Edition

The finish on a log home is not cosmetic — it is the primary defense against UV degradation, moisture infiltration, and Montana's freeze-thaw cycles. The right color protects the wood. The right product determines how long that protection lasts and how little attention the home requires between visits. This look book presents the four premium stain lines DKS applies to ranch properties and second homes across southwest and central Montana — each selected for performance, longevity, and the ability to bring out the natural character of the logs.

Sashco Capture®

With Colorfast® Base Coat

Sashco Transformation®

Log & Timber

Perma-Chink

Lifeline® Ultra-2

Sikkens Proluxe®

Cetol® Series

◆ **CUSTOM COLORS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

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Sashco Capture®

Water-Based Semi-Transparent · Interior & Exterior · With Colorfast® Base Coat

■ sashco.com

The gold standard for Montana log homes.

Sashco Capture is the most widely trusted water-based log stain in the industry — formulated specifically for the demands of log and timber homes. Its elastic formula moves with your logs through seasonal expansion and contraction, resisting the cracks and peeling that compromise lesser stains. Loaded with the highest-quality UV inhibitors and trans-oxide pigments, Capture protects the wood while letting every knot, grain, and check show through. Applied over Colorfast® Pre-Stain Base Coat, the system delivers even color across blasted, rough-sawn, and knotty-pine logs with outstanding longevity. Finished with Cascade® Clear Topcoat, maintenance is simple — reapply the clear coat as needed without disturbing the stain beneath.

SYSTEM

Colorfast® base →
Capture (2 coats) →
Cascade® Clear Topcoat

FINISH

Satin / Semi-Gloss

FORMULA

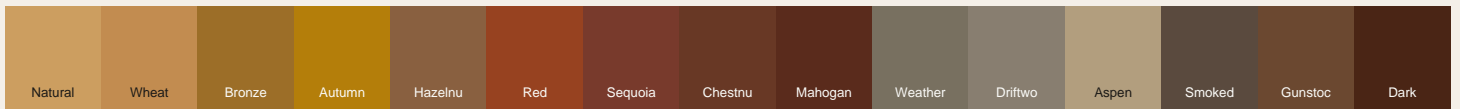
Water-based,
VOC-compliant

MAINTENANCE

Reapply Cascade clear
topcoat as needed — no
full re-stain required

WARRANTY

Manufacturer warranty
with proper application



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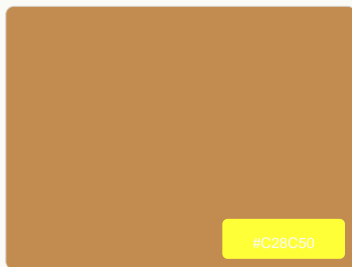
COLOR SWATCHES · SASHCO CAPTURE®

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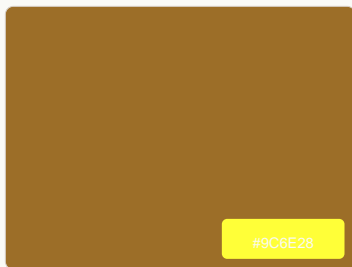
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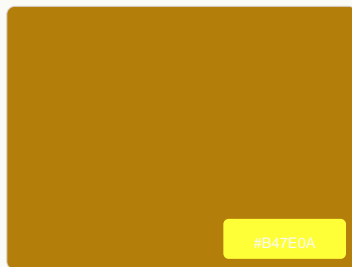
Natural
Honey-warm, closest to bare wood



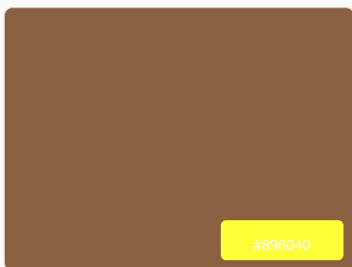
Wheat
Warm golden wheat, light & bright



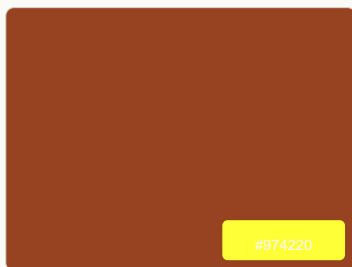
Bronze Pine
Golden-bronze, the most popular color



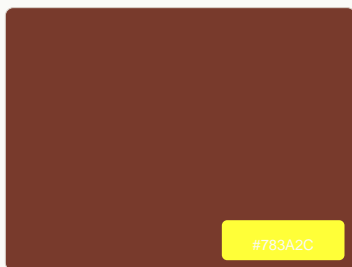
Autumn Aspen
Rich amber-gold, quintessential Montana



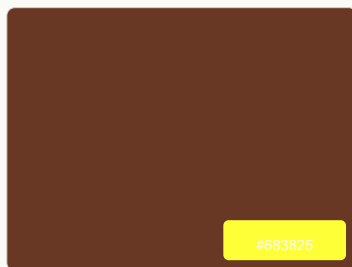
Hazelnut
Warm medium brown, golden undertone



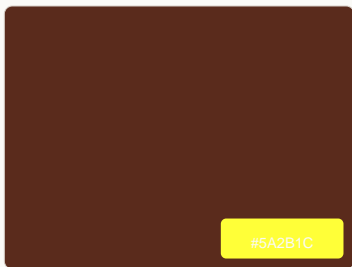
Red Cedar
Warm reddish-brown, natural cedar tone



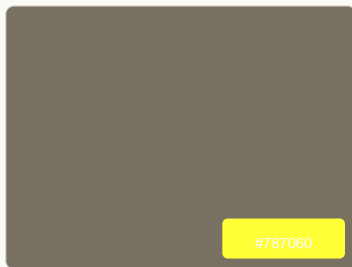
Sequoia
Deep red-brown, rich & dramatic



Chestnut
Medium-dark chestnut brown



Mahogany
Deep rich mahogany, maximum UV life



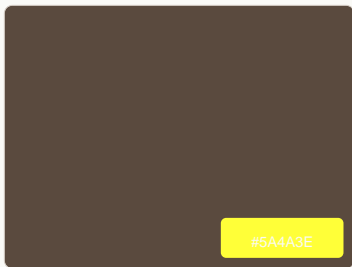
Weathered Wood
Silver-gray, reclaimed-wood aesthetic



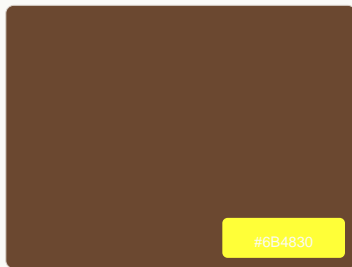
Driftwood
Warm taupe-gray, sophisticated & modern



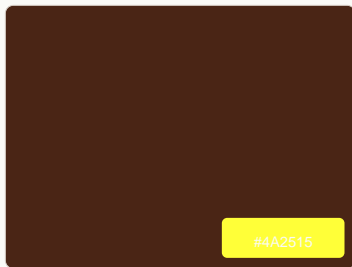
Aspen Bark
Pale cream-tan, near natural appearance



Smoked Hickory
Smoky medium-dark brown, gray undertone



Gunstock Brown
Warm medium brown, rich walnut tone



Dark Walnut
Deepest tone, maximum UV protection

Sashco Transformation® Log & Timber

Oil-Based Semi-Transparent Gloss · Exterior · Restoration & New Construction

■ sashco.com

Brings weathered logs back to life.

Transformation was engineered for restoration — and it shows. Chemically compatible with virtually any previously applied stain, it is the professional choice when a home's stain history is unknown or mixed. Its oil-based formula penetrates deep, bonding with wood fiber to create a flexible, high-gloss protective film that resists UV, moisture, and Montana's freeze-thaw cycles. The longer open time prevents lap marks even on large log walls, and the result is a stunning, consistent gloss finish that makes even aged, weathered logs look as though they were stained last season. Equally effective on new construction.

SYSTEM

Transformation (2 coats)
— no separate topcoat
required

FINISH

Gloss

FORMULA

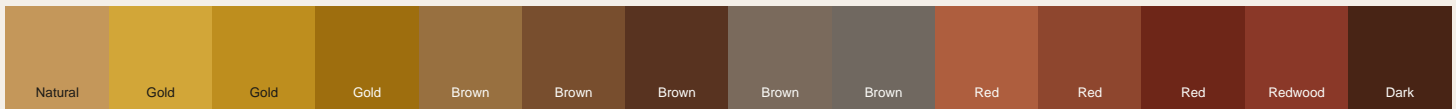
Oil-based, low VOC

MAINTENANCE

Reapply as needed when
sheen fades; compatible
over itself

WARRANTY

Manufacturer warranty
with proper application



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COLOR SWATCHES · SASHCO TRANSFORMATION® LOG & TIMBER

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Natural
Subtle gold, near-natural look



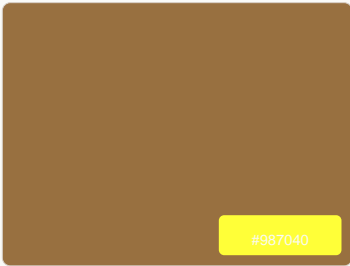
Gold Tone Light
Bright warm gold, classic cabin color



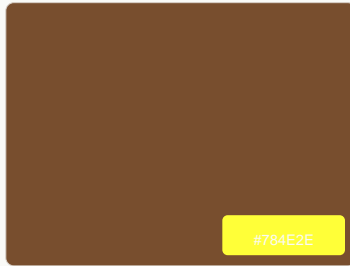
Gold Tone Medium
Rich amber-gold, most popular



Gold Tone Dark
Deep warm gold, strong UV coverage



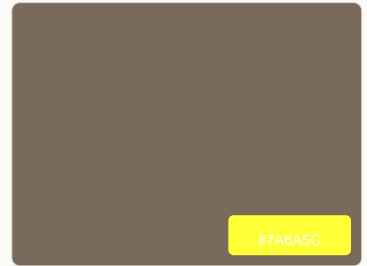
Brown Tone Light
Soft warm brown, natural & versatile



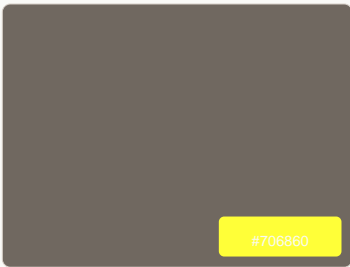
Brown Tone Medium
Classic log brown, timeless



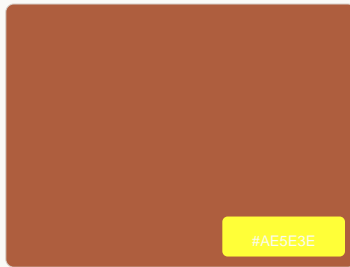
Brown Tone Dark
Rich dark brown, maximum UV life



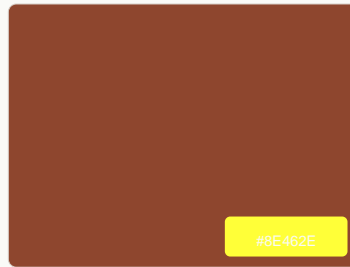
Brown Tone Neutral
Neutral brown, no warm or red cast



Brown Tone Gray
Brown with gray cast, weathered feel



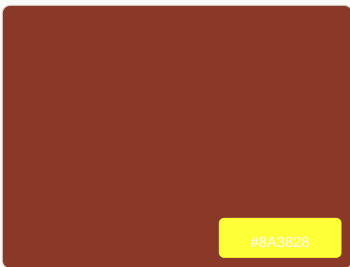
Red Tone Light
Subtle warm red, cedar-like



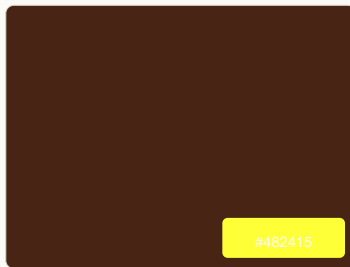
Red Tone Medium
Medium russet red, warm & rich



Red Tone Dark
Deep red-brown, bold & dramatic



Redwood
Classic redwood tone, warm & rich



Dark Walnut
Deepest tone, maximum protection

Perma-Chink Lifeline® Ultra-2

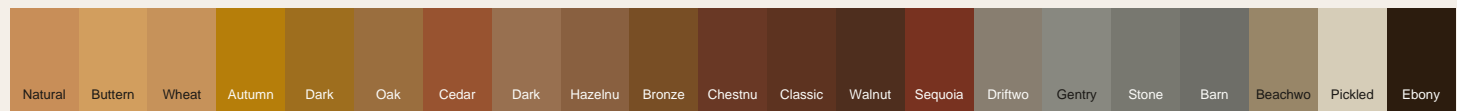
Water-Based 2-Coat System · Exterior · 5-Year Warranty

■ permachink.com

The only log home stain with a 5-year warranty.

Lifeline Ultra-2 is Perma-Chink's most trusted exterior finish — and the only log home stain system in its class carrying a 5-year limited warranty when paired with Lifeline Advance® clear topcoat. UV Boost technology is premixed directly into Ultra-2, delivering unmatched protection against the elevated UV radiation found at Montana altitudes. The advanced waterborne formula enriches the natural beauty of wood grain with deep, rich color, while a breathable film allows logs to continue drying and adjusting seasonally without compromising the finish. With 20 color choices, Ultra-2 offers one of the widest palettes in the log home industry.

<p>SYSTEM</p> <p>Ultra-2 (2 coats) + Lifeline Advance® Topcoat (1 coat)</p>	<p>FINISH</p> <p>Satin or Gloss (per Advance selection)</p>	<p>FORMULA</p> <p>Water-based, low VOC</p>	<p>MAINTENANCE</p> <p>Reapply Advance topcoat at 3–5 years; full 5-year warranty when registered</p>	<p>WARRANTY</p> <p>5-year limited warranty (with Advance topcoat + registration)</p>
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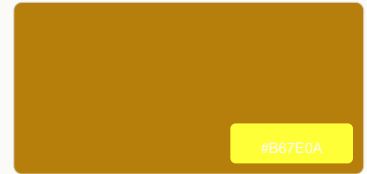
Natural #880
Closest to bare wood



Butternut #854
Pale honey-cream, very light



Wheat #821
Warm light gold



Autumn Gold #815
Classic amber-gold



Dark Honey #822
Rich warm honey



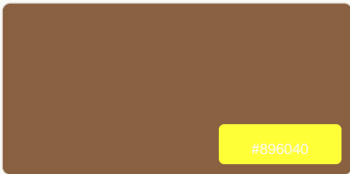
Oak #832
Golden oak tone



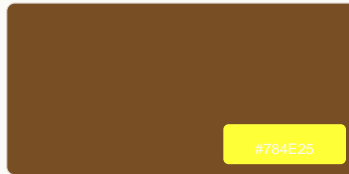
Cedar #885
Warm reddish-cedar



Dark Natural #830
Deeper natural tone



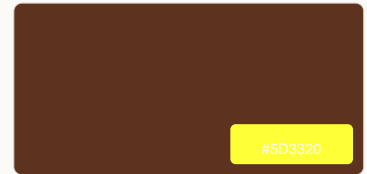
Hazelnut #870
Warm medium brown



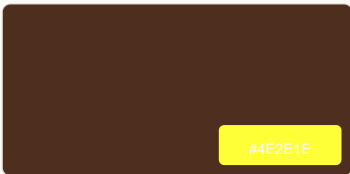
Bronze #874
Rich bronze-brown



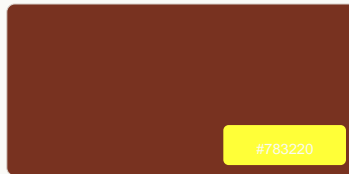
Chestnut #868
Classic chestnut



Classic Brown #878
Traditional log brown



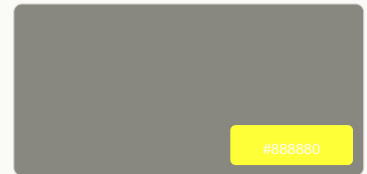
Walnut #865
Dark walnut



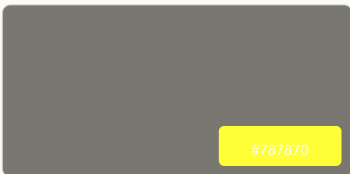
Sequoia #835
Deep red-brown



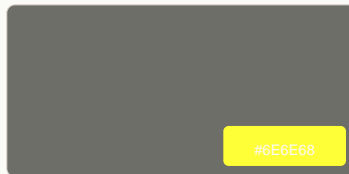
Driftwood #861
Warm gray-taupe



Gentry Gray #842
Cool contemporary gray



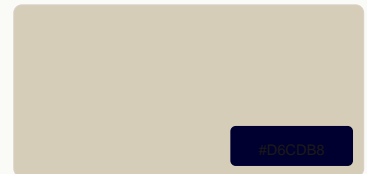
Stone Gray #863
Medium cool gray



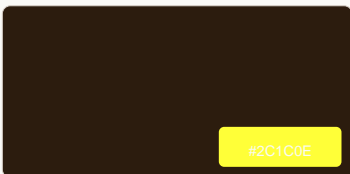
Barn Gray #872
Weathered warm gray



Beachwood #848
Sandy driftwood tan



Pickled White #850
Pale whitewash, trending



Ebony #890
Near-black, dramatic & bold

Sikkens Proluxe® Cetol®

Oil-Alkyd Film-Forming · Exterior · Furniture-Grade Satin Finish

■ ppgprolux.com

Two centuries of European craftsmanship — on your logs.

Sikkens Proluxe — now marketed as PPG Proluxe — carries over 200 years of European wood finish heritage into every can. The translucent iron oxide pigment system delivers a depth and clarity that water-based products simply cannot replicate: the grain, knots, and natural character of the wood emerge through the finish like they're lit from within. The film-forming alkyd formula creates a premium furniture-grade satin finish, protecting the wood surface while adding a richness that elevates the appearance of any log home. Available as the legendary Cetol 1 RE + Cetol 23 Plus RE three-coat system, or as Cetol Log & Siding in a two-coat application.

SYSTEM

Cetol 1 RE (basecoat) + Cetol 23 Plus RE (2 topcoats) — OR — Log & Siding (2-coat)

FINISH

Satin — the signature Sikkens sheen

FORMULA

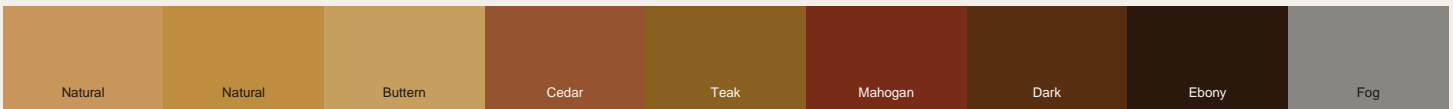
Oil-alkyd, solvent-based

MAINTENANCE

Reapply Cetol 23 Plus or Maintenance Clear on south/west faces every 2–4 years

WARRANTY

Manufacturer warranty with proper application



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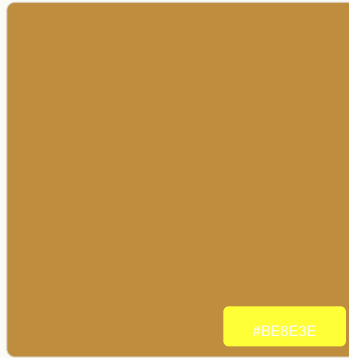
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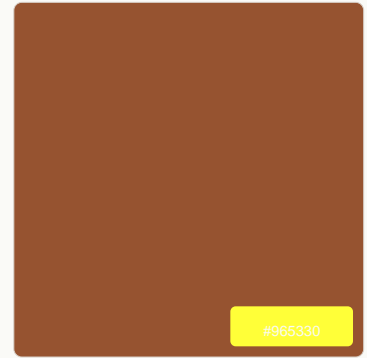
Natural 078
Transparent, near-bare look



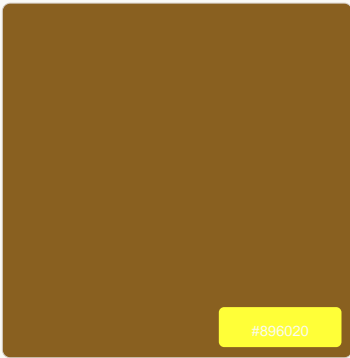
Natural Oak 005
Classic warm European oak



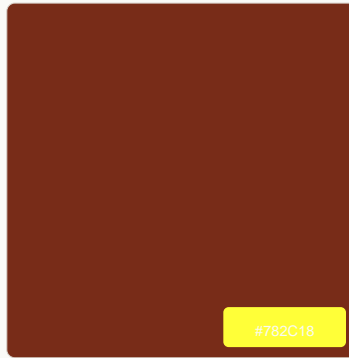
Butternut 072
Light honey-gold warmth



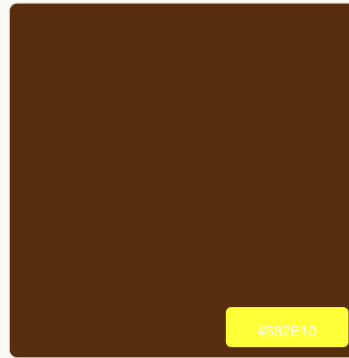
Cedar 077
Rich cedar tone



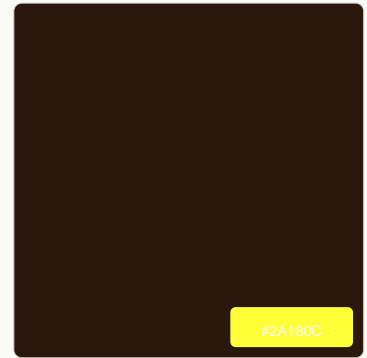
Teak 085
Golden teak, richest mid-tone



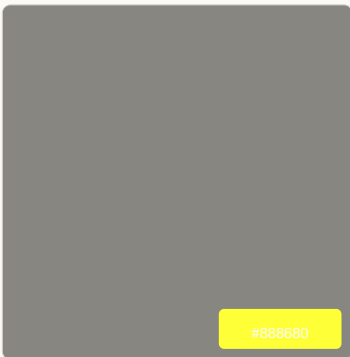
Mahogany 045
Deep reddish-mahogany



Dark Oak 009
Maximum UV protection



Ebony 094
Near-black, ultra-premium



Fog Grey 096
Cool modern gray

CUSTOM COLORS

Your Vision. *Your Color.*

Every log home has its own character — and sometimes the right color simply doesn't exist on a manufacturer's chart.

The species of your logs, the direction your walls face, the elevation of your property, and the palette of the landscape around you all shape what a color actually looks like on your home. A color that's perfect on a cedar log in Paradise Valley may read completely differently on aged pine in Shields Valley.

DKS Log Home Restoration works directly with Sashco and Perma-Chink to create custom stain blends for clients who want something specific. Whether you're matching an existing color, complementing a stone chimney or metal roof, or simply have a vision in mind that no standard color captures — we'll work with the manufacturer to get it right.

REQUEST A CUSTOM COLOR — CALL MEGAN F.

Megan F. handles all scheduling and project inquiries.

Tell her the vision — she'll get you set up from there.

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Four Things That Shape the Right Color for Your Home

1 Your Wood Species

Pine absorbs more stain and reads lighter than cedar. Cedar's natural redness pushes reds and golds warmer than they appear on a chip. Douglas fir's pronounced grain adds depth to any tone. The right color for your home depends on what it's being applied to.

2 Your Exposure

South and west walls receive far more UV than north and east walls. The color and finish system you choose for these high-exposure faces matters — and annual maintenance keeps your protection intact regardless of which color you select.

3 Your Elevation

Montana properties above 5,000 feet receive significantly more UV radiation than valley-floor homes. The finish system for a Shields Valley or Paradise Valley property needs to account for this — it's one of the reasons UV Boost is standard on high-altitude applications.

4 Sample on Your Actual Logs

Every manufacturer in this book offers stain samples. The same color looks different on different species, textures, and ages of wood. The only way to know what a color will look like on your home is to see it on your home. We can arrange sample application during a site visit.