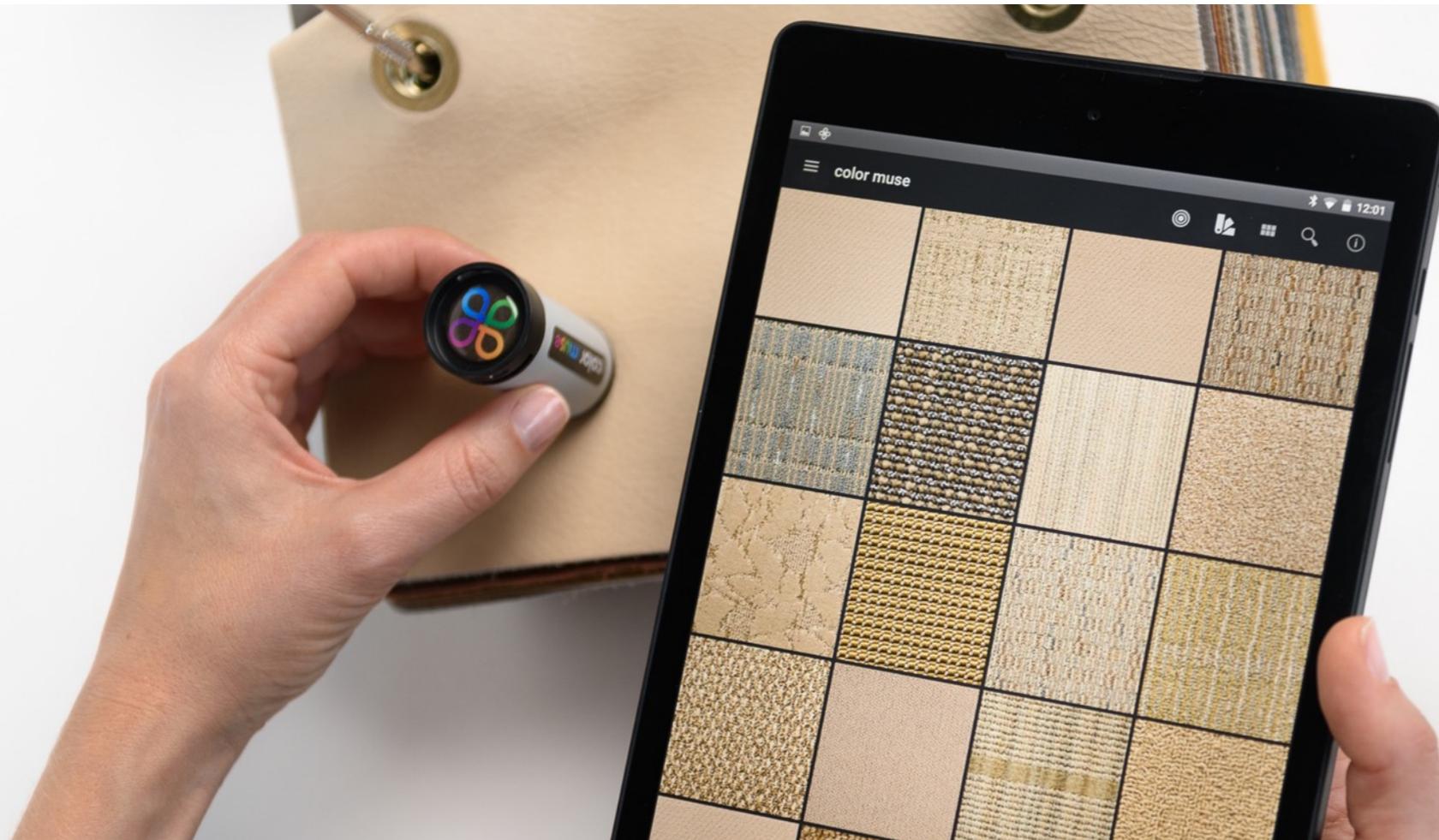

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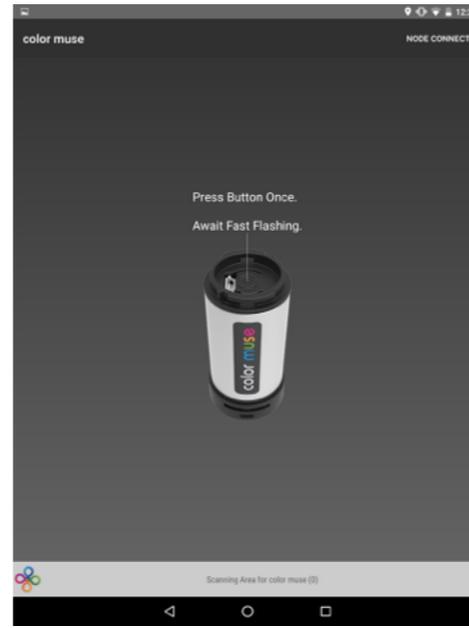
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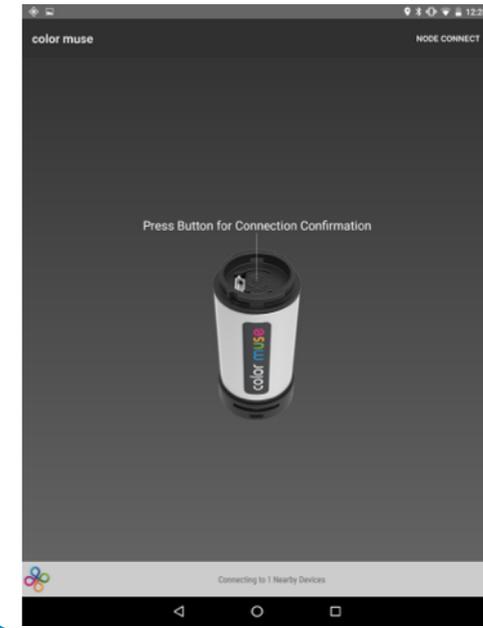
Begin

- Open the color muse app
- Turn on Bluetooth for your Android
- Tap the Scan icon at the top right of the screen



Connect Device

- Press the wake button to initiate communication between the app and your device



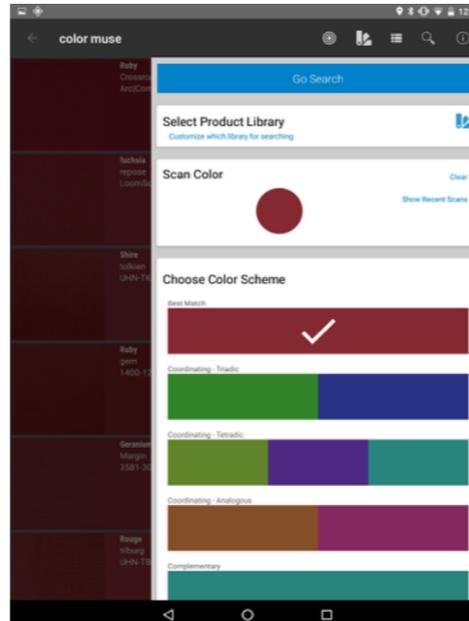
Confirmation

- Press the wake button again to confirm connection



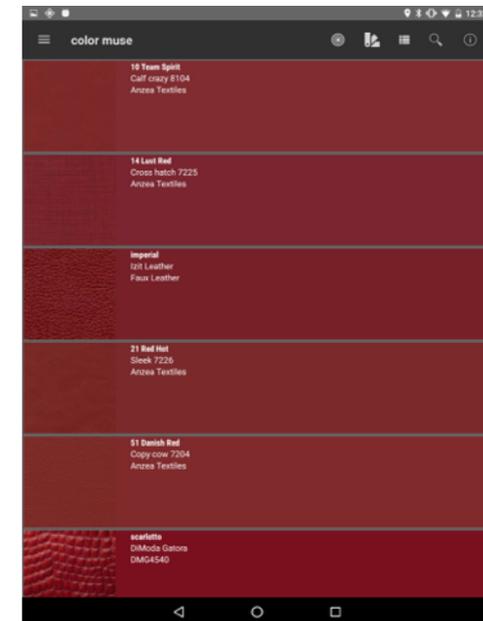
Calibration

- With the protective cap on, tap calibrate
- You are now ready to begin scanning



Scan

- Tap the scan icon to scan a surface
- Select a specific product library to streamline search results

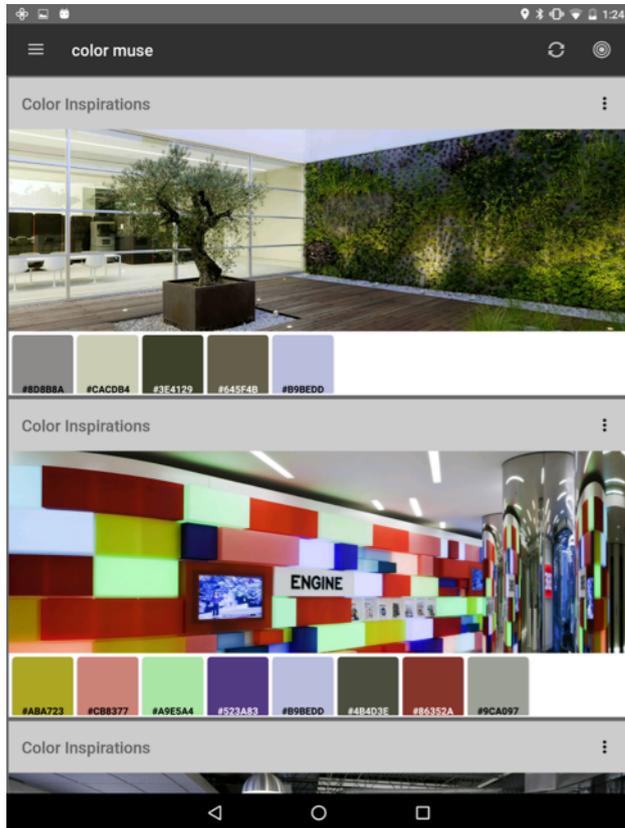


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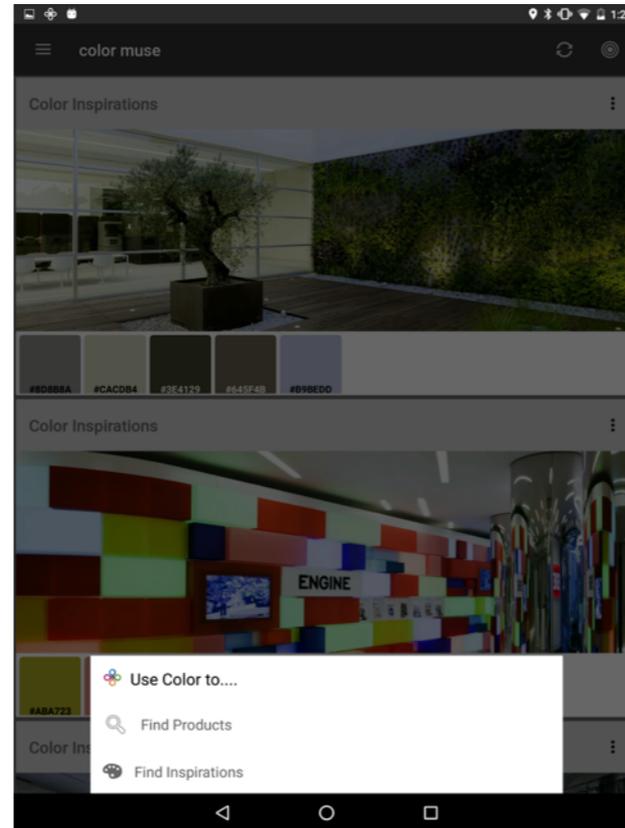
- The app will present the closest color match in various libraries

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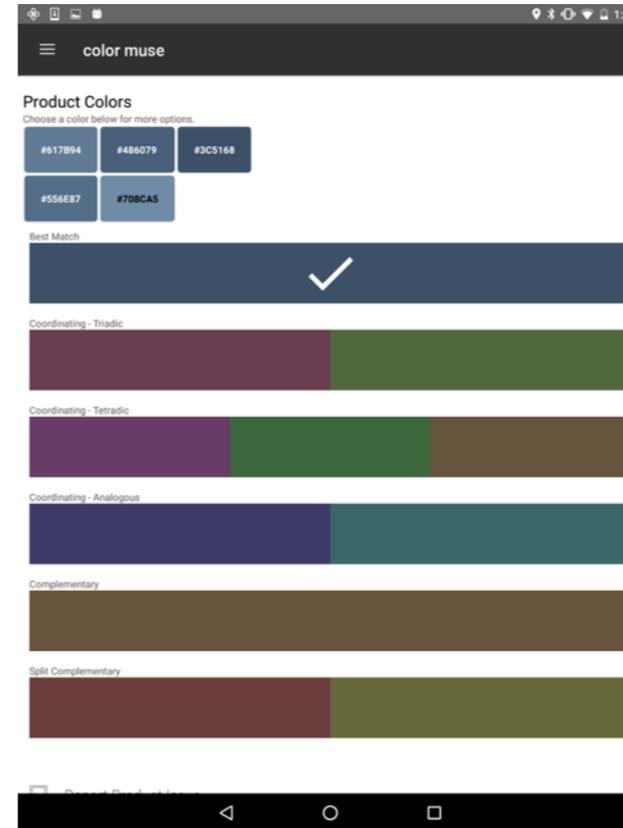
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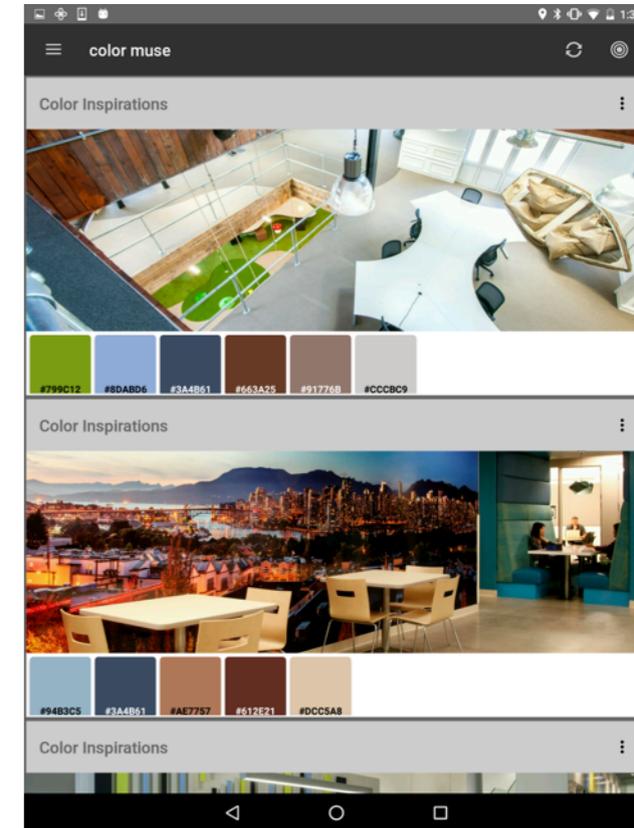
While in the Find Inspirations tab, generate a random color or scan a surface to display inspirations



Tap a specific color in an inspiration to find products or other inspirations



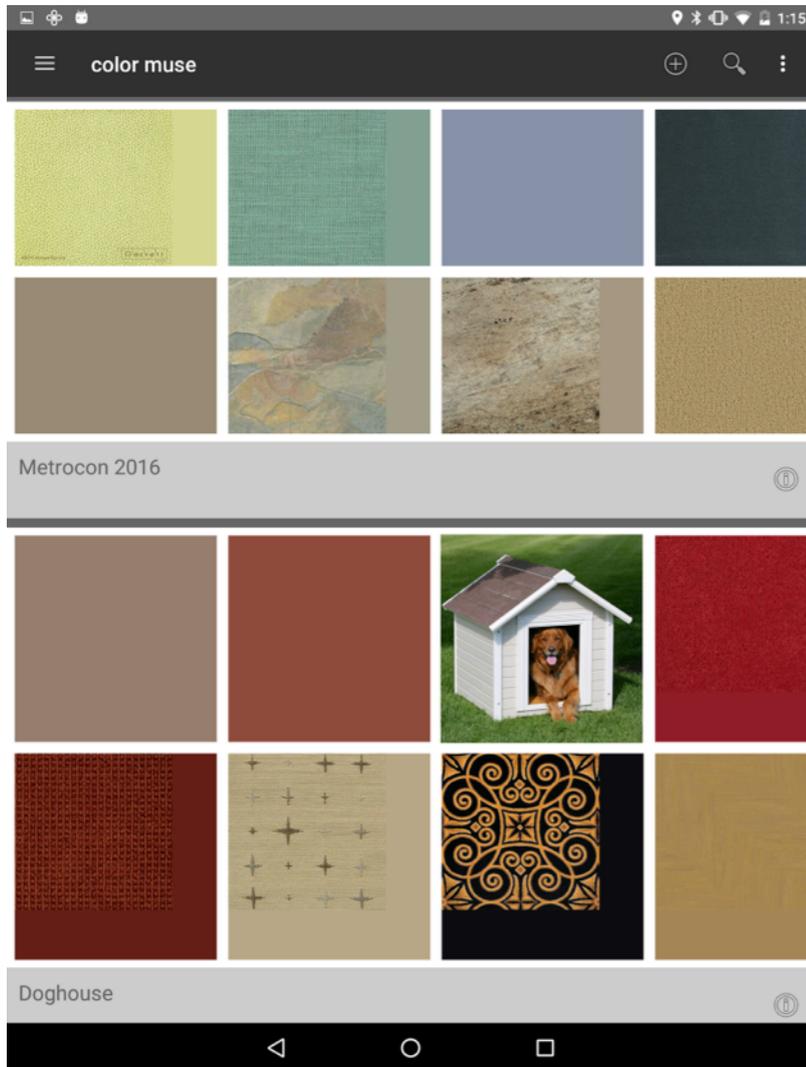
You can also find inspirations under any product by tapping View Product Colors and selecting a specific color



Tap Find Inspirations to view professionally designed interiors that feature your scanned color

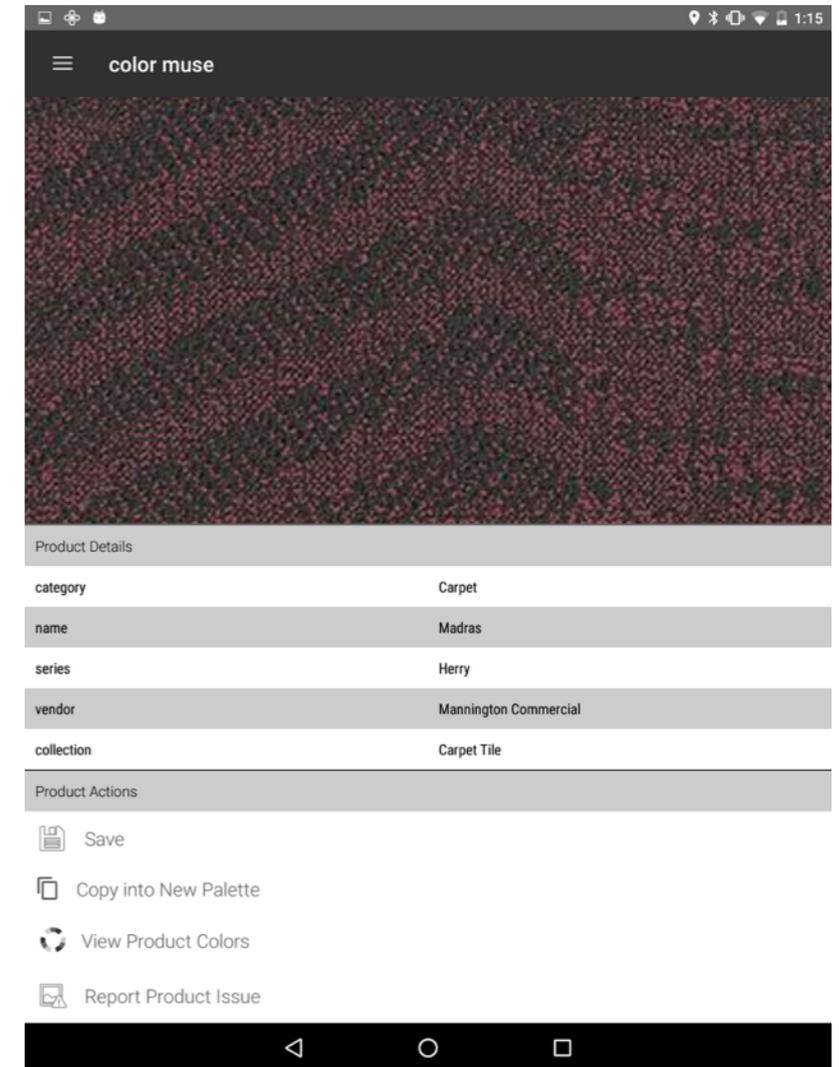
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My Palettes



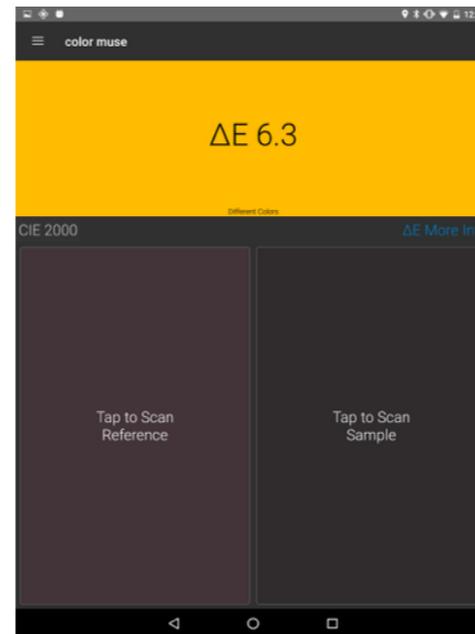
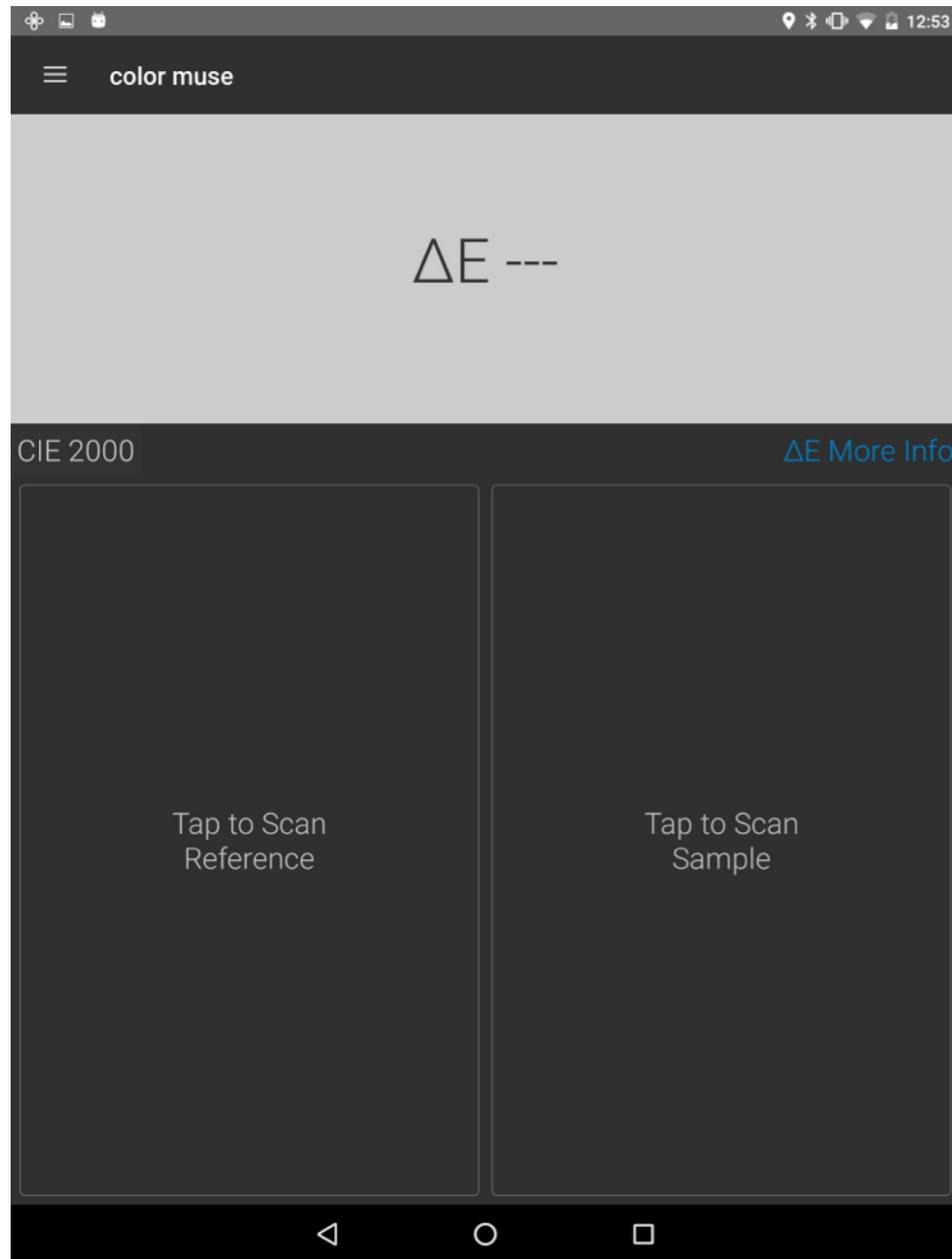
Building Palettes

- Create a new palette in My Palettes using the plus icon, or select a product from any library to view palette actions
- Take/upload a photo(s) of the object or room you want to match colors too
- Edit or add colors/materials to your palettes at any time
- Share your palettes and ideas with clients and friends - also from this share (at the bottom of the page) download the ASE file for import into Adobe design products
- Easily create and customize as many palettes as you want



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Quick Inspect



Scan Sample

- The Quick Inspect feature allows you to cross reference colors
- The app will inform you of:
 - The exact color difference between your sample and standard
 - Whether the difference is perceivable by the human eye

Scan Standard

- Tap Scan Sample while your device is placed on the surface of choice
- Tap Scan Standard with your device on the comparable surface
- The app will display both colors in the designated windows

Compare

- Once the standard and the sample have been scanned, the Delta E difference will appear
- Quick Inspect will also give a reading on perception of the difference by the human eye

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Scan History



Scan History provides a chronological history of all your scans, all in one place.

View your recent scans from that hour, last week, or go back to the very first scan you've ever performed.

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Product Libraries

Ever Expanding Libraries

- Browse through or match your color scans to various brands of products, colors, and materials
- Choose the product library you want to view by tapping one of the categories
 - These include: paints, carpets, leather, textiles & much more
- Under Find Products, tap the magnifying glass icon to search through a specific library with a key term
- Pick and choose your favorites and add them to existing palettes or create new ones





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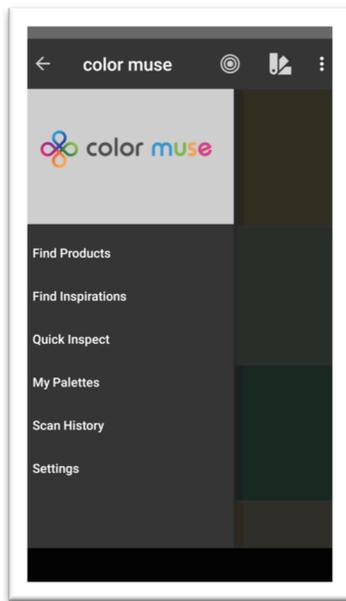


Introduction

Color muse is a multi-purpose tool for scanning color – paint, fabric, tile, paper; any flat surface with a color you'd like information about. The color muse app allows you to store data about your color scans, compare and analyze them, and use that information to begin gathering data relevant to your current project.

The color muse app is able to take your color scans and match them to the most similar colors available from leading paint stores. The app can then show you a library of images, taken by professional decorators, showing you living spaces containing the exact color you're working with. With this simple, powerful tool, you can find anything from carpets to curtains to lampshades in colors that interior designers have used to complement the paint color you've selected for a room.

This guide will help you to get the most out of the color muse app's component features, and show you how different parts of the app can be used together for an immersive, professional approach to building a framework around any color set of your choosing. Welcome to the new way of getting more details, more accuracy, and more inspiration from the colors around you.



Navigation

The **hamburger menu** ☰ at the top left of the color muse app contains all of the app's main functions. Tap the icon to view this list, then press an item in the list to access the controls for each option. The rest of this guide will detail the uses that each function can be put to.

There are three icons at the top of the home screen (the Find Products screen in the hamburger menu). The first in the list is the **pair icon**, which looks like a bullseye. Tap this button to let your device search for nearby color muse devices. Select your color muse out of the list to pair with it.

Second, the **category icon** in the middle shows you a list of product types you can use to filter your search. If, for example, you're trying to find a Formica countertop for your kitchen, you can view the full list of available Formica colors by tapping the category icon, selecting the Hard Surfaces category, and then choosing Formica from the list of vendors. You may have more than one vendor collection to choose from as well. Scroll through the list of thumbnails that appears, and save the ones you like to one of your palettes. (For help with this, see the **My Palettes** section below.)

But what if you only want to see Formica in a specific tone or color, one that corresponds with part of the décor you already have in your kitchen? Tap the **vertical ellipsis icon** : to open an options menu, and select More Filter Options from the list. When connected to your color muse, hold the color muse device up against the item whose color you want to match, and tap Scan Color. You'll see that the color shows up on the screen; now every product search you perform will only show you products that contain your scanned color. Remember to go back to the More Filter Options screen and clear your scanned color if you want to start seeing unfiltered lists again.

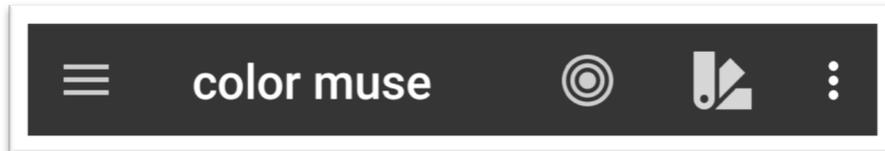
With the vertical ellipsis menu, you can also change whether your search results show up as a simple grid or as a list of colors with their names shown. Furthermore, if you select Keyword Search from this menu, you can find colors and products by name or description.

Note: scanning isn't the only way you can tell the app to filter by a specific color. See [Searching Manually](#) under the **Find Products** section below for instructions on finding and searching with color swatches within the app.

Inputting Colors

Find Products

On the Find Products screen, you can browse libraries of specific products or paint colors from major distributors in the interior decoration industry. This is useful if you are working with home décor or some product you already own and



want to match.

Searching by Collection

Searching by collection is a great tool for planning a design project from scratch, or for in everything from paint to laminate flooring to winter apparel. This section of the app lets you explore, color-coordinate, and catalog products across dozens of well-known décor outlets, and all from within your home.

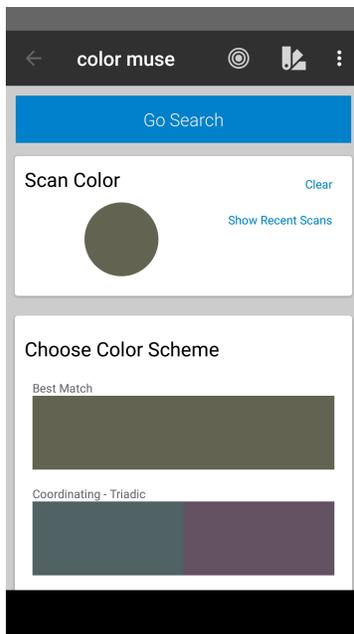
- At the top of the screen, to the right of the hamburger menu, is the Product Collection bar. These icons will give you the means to search and filter by collection.
 - Tapping the icon that looks like a target will pull up the list of available Bluetooth connections that the app can pair to. Use this to connect to your color muse device whenever you use it.
 - The middle button in the bar shown above, the one that looks like a sample book, is the one you'll be using most. Tap it to define the category, vendor, and vendor collection you wish to search.
 - If you want to search all categories, vendors, or vendor collections, first navigate to your desired list of collections, then scroll up a bit to make the drop-down bar appear, and tap Select All at the top of the screen.
 - The vertical ellipsis menu : on the right side of the Product Collection bar can be used to search manually; this will be discussed in detail on the next page.
 - As you boil down the range of listed products using the Product Collection bar, the list of thumbnails beneath the bar will become more attuned to the products and colors you are searching for. Scroll through them until you find a product or color of interest, and tap its thumbnail to open its detail page. See the [Detail Pages](#) category for an overview of your options.
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- Save this detail page to a palette for quick access in the future, and press the Back button at the top left of the screen to return to searching your sorted list.

Searching Manually

Tap the **vertical ellipsis icon** : in the Product Collection bar to see all of your manual search options. Tapping Keyword Search will let you find colors and products by name, description, or other relevant terms. You can also change whether your search results show up as a simple grid or as a list of colors with their names shown by tapping Grid/List Display.

What about using your color muse device as a search tool? Collection searching is great, for example, if you're looking for a Formica countertop and want to browse all your options at once. But what if you only want to see Formica in a specific tone or color, one that corresponds with part of the décor you already have in your kitchen?



Filter Options Screen

First, select More Filter Options from the vertical ellipsis menu. You can also navigate directly to the More Filter Options screen by swiping from the right edge of the Find Products screen.

When connected to your color muse, hold the color muse's aperture flush against the item whose color you want to match, and tap Scan Color. You'll see that the color shows up on the screen; now every product search you perform will only show you products that contain your scanned color.

You have other options, too: go back to the More Filter Options screen and use the coordinated colors in the Choose Color Scheme panel (visible in the image to the left) to search mathematically related color options. Also, use the More Filter Options screen to clear your scanned color if you want to start seeing unfiltered lists again.

Note: scanning isn't the only way you can tell the app to filter by a specific color. Whenever you come across an item of your interest using the Find Products or Find Inspirations functions, tap its thumbnail to open its detail page. See the **Detail Pages** category for an overview of your options. Save this detail page to a palette for quick access in the future, and press the Back button at the top left of the screen to return to searching.

Quick Inspect

Quick Inspect is your tool for using the color muse device to add color scans to the color muse app. See the [Settings](#) page for instructions on pairing the app and device. Once you have your color muse device connected to the app and calibrated, you're ready to begin scanning swatches, creating references, and finding the perfect paint color.

Note: You need to have at least one palette that you can save scans to before you start scanning. See [My Palettes](#) to learn how to create new palettes and what they can do for you.

Standard Scanning

Use this option when saving a new color to a palette, or when creating a standard to which you are going to compare other color samples. The latter case is useful for finding differences between two paint chips or two paint colors from different companies.

- While holding color muse's aperture flush against the standard you wish to scan, press Scan Standard.
- Name the reference and save it for future use. If you wish to view the color information for your new scan, tap the color to view its detail page. See the [Detail Pages](#) category for an overview of the options on this page, or press the Back button at the top left of the screen to return.

Sample Scanning

Use this option to compare color samples to a previously created reference scan.

- While holding color muse's aperture flush against the sample you wish to scan, press Tap to Scan Sample.
- Quick Inspect will show you the ΔE (color distance) between the sample you scanned and the reference you are comparing it to.

Note that if you do not have a standard that you are trying to compare a color to, sample scanning does not work; this option exists only for comparative purposes.

Also note that because of material reflectivity, there will always be a difference between a scanned paint chip and a scan of an actual paint sample, even if the two appear identical. Scanning results will always be more accurate when comparing two of the same type of surface.

Color Data

Detail Pages

The color muse app offers you two different methods of gathering information about colors: the **Quick Inspect** function, which you can use to manually scan a color with the color muse device, and the **Find Products** screen, a search engine for accessing the product catalogs of particular décor and apparel companies. See these two categories above for information on using these tools.

When viewing the detail page for a specific color or item, your options are all contained in the page section labeled Product Actions:

- Scroll down to the bottom of the page in order to save this page to a new or existing palette.
 - The View Product Colors button is your tool for analyzing and learning more about the item you are viewing. If, for example, you are viewing a swim suit from the Apparel color catalogue, tapping View Product Colors will show you a thumbnail list of the colors contained in that swim suit. Selecting one of these thumbnails will cause the app to ask you whether you want to view products or Inspirations related to that color.
 - Choosing Products will show you mathematically related colors along the color gradient, including complementary (inverse) and coordinated colors, using the hex value of the color you are viewing. Tap any of these colors to view products of similar color from apparel and décor stores, again filtered by the Product Collection bar at the top of the page.
 - The Find Inspirations link, on the other hand, pulls up a short list of interior photographs, taken by design professionals, which incorporate the color you are interested in. If you are exploring apparel, these will not be apparel photos, but they will still give you some novel color combinations to work with. Also, the range of primary colors which appear in each photograph will appear below them as thumbnails. Tapping one of these will take you to a new Find Products page, showing you apparel and home furnishings in colors that match your original search!
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Find Inspirations

The Find Inspirations page is a lot like a series of regular detail pages chained together. Every detail page has an Inspirations tab, so the best way to cue up Inspirations relevant to a color of your choice is to use **Find Products** or **Quick Inspect** to input a “base” color.

If you’re feeling lucky, though, the Find Inspirations page has a refresh button at the top of the screen. Tap it, then check the photographs under the Inspirations tab at the bottom of the screen. If you see a color palette that you like, there will be several thumbnails beneath each image showing you all the colors in that palette.

Want to save an Inspiration to your account? Tap the vertical ellipsis above an Inspiration image, then tap Save to New Palette in the menu that appears. You’ll be able to access it and all the color thumbnails in the palette at any time by going to **My Palettes** in the main menu. Since Find Inspirations is a lot like a regular detail page, you can also use the color thumbnails beneath any palette photograph to search for anything from clothing to couches to flooring – just tap a thumbnail, select Find Products, and use the Product Collection bar at the top of the new page to define your search.

Your Color Account

My Palettes

My Palettes is home to all of the colors and images you've saved using **Find Products**, **Find Inspirations**, or **Quick Inspect**. Navigation is simple: use the vertical ellipsis menu at the top to sort palettes by name or recent use, or search within your saved collection using the 🔍 icon at the top, or scroll down to go back through your entire scan history.

Getting Started

Press the ⊕ sign at the top of the page to create a new palette. Name and describe it, then save. Having at least one palette is a requirement before scanning colors and saving swatches.

Scan History

Scan History is a simple grid containing all of your scans, starting with the most recent and going back through the chronology of the app. Each scan is shown as a large thumbnail and includes the scanned color's hex code and the date on which the scan was made.

Settings

View and change the connection status of your device here. Your device's serial number and the options to find new devices or forget the current device are also listed. You can also manually calibrate your device from this page, or sign into/out of your account.

Note: If you are seeking optimal results when scanning, or if you intend to perform a large quantity of scans during a single period of using your color muse device, it is recommended that you recalibrate the device using your whitepoint cap after every ten to twenty scans.
