



## How to Find the Alternate (ALT) Color Choices

The TCS On-Line Network offers more than 250 alternate color choices and/or mixes. For instance, when a color is discontinued in a brand, we still list that color in the TCS System. And we offer an alternate mix or a color that replaces the discontinued one.

This allows you to recreate an older design or color scheme. We also offer an alternate choice (ALT) on several popular colors that can be created by using a limited palette\* instead of the full line of colors.

These alternate choices are listed in the Full TCS Screen by clicking on the “ALT” button. If there is text in this field, a button appears with the letters ALT. When there is no text in this field, there will be no button, just 3 dashes. Try this example:

1. The color in the design is Americana’s Plantation Pine. You use Folk Art. Search on: Brand/Color Name
2. Choose the brand Americana, type “Plantation Pine” in Color Name and submit.
3. Click on the TCS Number beside Plantation Pine to bring up the Full TCS Screen.
4. The Folk Art equivalent of Plantation Pine is Southern Pine (Disc.) This means it is a discontinued color; Folk Art no longer manufactures it.
5. To the far right of the Folk Art Brand, you will see a button marked “ALT”. This indicates there is an alternate choice available: a color or mix that you may use instead of the discontinued color.
6. Click the ALT button and it reveals a mix equal to Southern Pine.
7. A Pop-Up window will appear that shows:
  - 1) The TCS Number
  - 2) The Color Name (or mix you selected)
  - 3) An alternate choice to this color name. In this case: Olive + Dark Gray 3:1 (3 parts Olive to 1 part Dark Gray) will create a mix that matches Southern Pine. Note: The ALT color choices will always be in the brand where they are listed.

\* A **limited palette** is a small group of colors (perhaps only 5 or 6) chosen because you can mix many colors using only this group. We offer recipes (mixes with ratios) for many popular colors using only 5 paint colors. These recipes, when available, will be listed in the ALT classification.

**Tip:** If this window is NOT full screen, you can click the Restore button to expand it to full screen size. (Restore is on the Title bar, upper right corner of screen, square box next to the red X close button.)