HearthVault colour palette

WARM PAPER · HEARTH TERRACOTTA · ONE ACCENT AT A TIME

CORE — LIGHT MODE

Background — cream paper
#FBF9F5 · hsl(40 43% 97%)
page canvas + 22px dot grid

Card
#FFFFFF · hsl(0 0% 100%)
cards, sheets, dialogs

Subtle surface
#F4EFEA · hsl(30 31% 94%)
muted panels

Border
#E7DFD5 · hsl(33 27% 87%)
card edges, inputs

Foreground — warm ink
#1C1917 · hsl(24 10% 10%)
body + serif headings

Muted text
#78716C · hsl(25 5% 45%)
captions, hints

Primary — terracotta
#C25E30 · hsl(19 60% 47%)
buttons, links, brand mark

Primary tint
#FDF5EE · hsl(28 79% 96%)
icon badges, selected

SEMANTIC ACCENTS — ALWAYS WITH THEIR PALE TINT; ONE ACCENT PER SURFACE

Sage — done · verified
#4E7358 · tint #EBF2ED
on, notarized, complete

Amber — attention
#C68326 · tint #FEF7EC
due soon, low stock, overdue

Navy — information
#2B4C6F · tint #EDF4FA
legal references, notes

Burgundy — risk · loss
#843844 · tint #FBF0F1
declined, high-risk, bereavement

SECONDARY & DESTRUCTIVE

Secondary
#EAE3D9 · hsl(35 29% 88%)
secondary buttons, chips

Destructive
#C32A2A · hsl(0 65% 46%)
delete, refund, danger (hsl 0 66% 46%)

Primary hover
#A84C23 · hsl(18 66% 40%)
pressed / hover state

Dark mode

SAME HUES, A DIM ROOM — NEVER PURE BLACK

CORE — DARK MODE

Background
#141210 · hsl(30 11% 7%)

Card
#1C1917 · hsl(24 10% 10%)

Subtle surface
#24201D · hsl(26 11% 13%)

Border
#352F2A · hsl(27 12% 19%)

Foreground
#F5F3EF · hsl(40 23% 95%)

Muted text
#A8A29E · hsl(24 5% 64%)

Primary — terracotta, brighter
#DE7243 · hsl(18 70% 57%)

Primary tint
#382319 · hsl(19 38% 16%)

ACCENTS — DARK

Sage
#6EA47B · tint #1B2A1E

Amber
#E4A143 · tint #2B2011

Navy
#6B98CB · tint #152433

Burgundy
#C46574 · tint #2A1417

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Type, shape & rules

HOW THE PALETTE IS USED

TYPOGRAPHY

Quietly organized for the moment it matters.

HEADINGS · NEWSREADER (VARIABLE SERIF) · text-4xl / 5xl / 6xl · tracking-tight

Body and UI use the system sans stack (text-base; text-sm on mobile).
Buttons are pill-shaped; tiny labels are uppercase monospace.

BODY · SYSTEM SANS 16px · LABELS · MONO 10px UPPERCASE · RADIUS 0.75rem · SHEETS 12–24px BLUR

COMPONENTS

Primary action

Secondary / outline

VERIFIED

DUE SOON

DECLINED

RULES

- Terracotta is the only strong colour on a surface — one primary button per card; everything else is ink, muted or outline.
- Accents carry meaning, not decoration: sage = done/verified, amber = attention, navy = information, burgundy = risk or loss. Never swap them.
- Backgrounds are solid cream or dim brown — no gradients. Depth comes from borders, the dot grid, glass blur on sheets and gentle shadows.
- Dark mode keeps the same hues; terracotta brightens to #DE7243 so contrast stays AA on #141210.
- Emails hard-code #1C1917 ink, #78716C muted, #C25E30 terracotta and #FBF9F5 paper — mail clients can't read CSS variables.
- Avoid: purple/violet, pure black, neon greens, Inter/Roboto headings, centred-everything layouts. The feeling is a well-kept family desk, not a bank app.