



Trend to Try: Olive Green

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Yes, I know it's spring and you've been cooped up inside for months and all you really want to do is breathe still-kind-of-chilly fresh air without a coat on. Yes, I know this time of year is all new sprouts and leaves and blades of grass and there's so much verdant new life around that you feel like you're living on a golf course. Yes, I know all of this may tempt you into tossing some kelly green into your home to shake off the winter doldrums, but hold on to your throw pillows: This year, instead of going grassy-green, try olive.

Before you write it off as the Brady Bunch's color of choice (which, OK, it was), know that olive green is having a major moment in 2015. Sophisticated, versatile and warm, it manages to elevate a room without losing its accessibility. And thanks to the range in tones — from chartreuse to dark olive green — the shade can work year-round in a contemporary or traditional home.

Ready to go green? I turned to some top designers for their best tips on how to incorporate olive into a room. Read on and get inspired!

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Because it has the go-with-anything qualities of a neutral, olive looks great with a slew of warm and cool hues — anything from citrus orange and yellow to eggplant and turquoise to khaki and linen.

"Olive green adds a level of sophistication to an interior, especially when paired with other strong neutrals like white, black, and chocolate brown," says Cathy Hobbs, founder and creator of [Cathy Hobbs Design Recipes](#).