

# LIVE, LEAF, LOVE



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## VEGETARIAN PALETTE

Green is usually a popular paint colour, but there is an especially strong selection of verdant hues on the market at the moment. Vivid emerald shades add drama while working well with other hues; try Benjamin Moore's simply named 2044-10 Green for an accent wall or a full room where you want a moody, intimate feel. For an airier all-over colour, try HC-119 Kittery Point Green (part of Benjamin Moore's 2016 palette), or the subtly minty HC-141 Hollingsworth Green.

Don't want to commit to such a large stretch of colour? Use tinted glass accents to add vivid colour in bite-size doses. Seaglass vases especially add a sense of beachy calm; add a few branches for height and you've got inviting all-year greenery.

## EXOTIC APPEAL

Orchids have an instantly luxe air, appearing delicate and sophisticated. Luckily, however, they are hardier than they seem. Due to their tropical origins, orchids actually thrive in steamy environments, making them an excellent choice for bathrooms and spaces that may seem unsurvivable for other plants.

Cactus planters are another smart option for those who find it challenging to keep a living plant...well, alive. They typically require watering just once a week, perfect for adding some exotic flavour to your home even if you're often on the go. Have a planter prepared by a florist in a glass vessel of your choosing for a sculptural statement.

## FIDDLER ON THE ROOT

Fiddle leaf fig trees are must-have décor plants right now: once you see one, you'll notice them everywhere in magazine spreads and online blogs – or even past episodes of *House!* The oversize leaves make an eye-catching statement, feeling earthy but also modern, and what could be more indoor-outdoor than a perfectly home-size tree?

These trees require a decent amount of indirect light, so they work well for rooms where light is available in the day, but isn't too intense (usually south-facing). Beyond this they aren't tough to care for, as long as they get monthly fertilizer and the occasional dusting. Also consider a cheerful lemon tree, moving it outside in the summer and back in during the cold.



## NO DIRT ON ME

Air plants seem almost miraculous: they don't need soil to survive, instead drawing nutrition literally from the air. Care usually involves occasional misting, so they're a good option for those who want a living plant in a small space without too much effort.

If you prefer your blossoms grown by someone else, you can always grab them fresh at the local supermarket. Pick up inexpensive but shapely flowers, strip away any fillers like excess leaves and stems, and place the blossoms in threes in small bud vases. You'll show the sense of pride in your home of a true design maven without an outrageous budget. **OH**



1. JONATHAN ADLER: Lampert Sofa in Emerald  
2. MOBILIA: Emile Accent Table in Green 3. WEST ELM: Waterscape Vases.

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We can't all have a green thumb, and we can't all reside in tropical climates. However, it is possible for anyone to bring their home to leafy life, no matter where they live! I've put together 10+ of my favourite ways to add some greenery to your every interior, so you can love your home no matter what the season.

## FORCE OF NATURE

While blue might seem like everyone's favourite colour, green is an easy choice for adding some edge without taking a wild risk: the intensity of rich greens make them feel haute couture, but these classic hues don't go quickly out of fashion. Use vivid shades in fabrics with a sheen (like velvet or silk) for accents that feel alive, or go bold with an emerald sofa or stool – it's near-neutral enough to not clash with other furnishings.

For a more romantic or eclectic approach, try a green powder-coated metal accent, such as a garden basket, rustic ladder (great for holding towels or books) or a vintage sign. This colour softens metal's tough exterior and adds a sense of whimsy, bringing the outdoors in with no maintenance required.



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