

COLOR IDEA

Leaf-green living room

A botanically based color scheme accented with silver creates a soothing, sophisticated gathering spot **BY KATHRYN O'SHEA-EVANS**

→ **THERE'S SOMETHING** about being in nature that is inherently calming. "That's why green is an ideal color for a living room—it relaxes people," says Sara McLean, color expert for Dunn-Edwards Paints. Take this elegant space, where a variety of grass, fern, and hunter greens harmonize. A wall of antique botanical prints anchors the look and ties all the verdant shades together. Shimmery silver frames and tables reinforce the colors' cool undertones and dress up the space with a dose of luxury.

Read on for ways to achieve a similar look at your place without spending a lot of, well, green.



botanical art

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gourd lamp

This glass model with a brushed-steel pedestal has just as much polish as the designer version—for a fraction of the price. \$40; lampsplus.com

