

Pantone moves on to greener pastures

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When Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Institute, chose the color of 2009, the United States was sinking deep into a recession and the bright yellow of Mimosa, it was hoped, would energize and encourage the country. So what's the right color for an economy that's hopefully on the mend? Well, emerald green, of course. Conjuring up gems, dollar bills, the '80s, and the sparkling Emerald City in "The Wizard of Oz," green is the color of "rejuvenation," Eiseman says, "something that talks of new life." (That Eiseman is from the other Emerald City, Seattle, she swears is a coincidence.)

The 2013 color of the year is taking some interior designers by surprise. Color expert Maria Killam, for one, wrote on her blog *Colour Me Happy* that she thought it would be blue. Washington designer Sally Steponkus also didn't expect emerald green, as the color is more sophisticated than last year's fresh, young Tangerine Tango, but she was pleased nonetheless. "Green is happy and fresh and clean and classic," Steponkus says. "I think it opens a space up."

In previous years, green might have been used as an accent color only, Eiseman says, but today, homeowners and designers are getting bolder, and might paint an entryway or a niche wall green. Steponkus is considering doing a sunroom in an emerald grasscloth for a current client, but she also thinks a malachite-inspired wallpaper would do well in a powder room. For those of us who might want to try it out before committing to something as bold as a lacquered-green dining room, we've rounded up furniture and accent pieces that will make your other furnishings green with envy.

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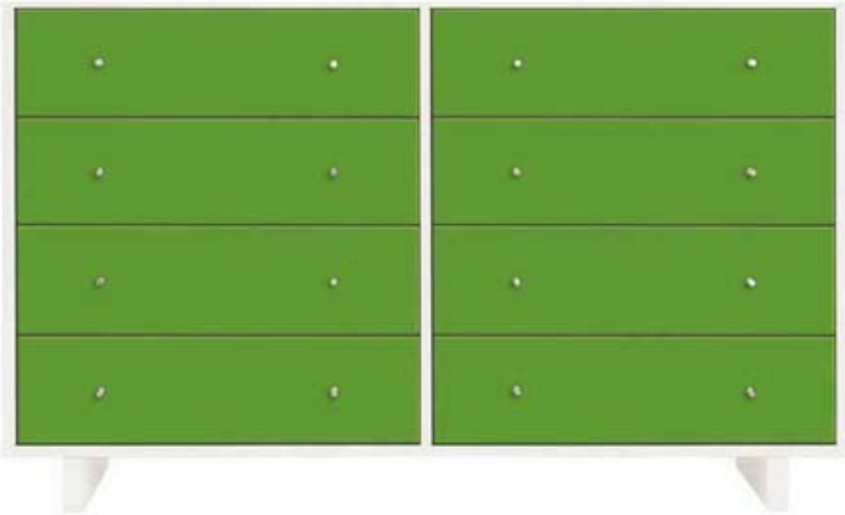
JONATHAN ADLER

Thank goodness for throw pillows, which allow homeowners and designers to switch out trends with the season. Jonathan Adler's green, wool zebra pillow is an easy way to make an instant update. \$115, www.jonathanadler.com.



ANTHROPOLOGIE

For a subtle touch, try new glass dresser knobs in melon. \$6, www.anthropologie.com.



ROOM & BOARD

Green connotes "balance and harmony and clarity," Eiseman says. An eight-drawer green statement piece could be just the thing to bring order to a kid's room. \$1,499, www.roomandboard.com.



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ROOM & BOARD

For the daring among us, an emerald sofa is the ticket to this year's color trend. Room & Board's new Murphy Sofa comes in a rich green (they call it "Vance"), which makes its Art Deco-inspired curves seem especially elegant. \$1,399 at www.roomandboard.com.



ZARA HOME

Dishware has always been a way to capture trends. Zara Home's Cora Tumbler is a retro throwback to the '30s, both in its green color and in its knobby milk glass texture. \$4.90 at www.zarahome.com.



WORLD MARKET

If you already have some green in a room, don't be afraid to keep it and add emerald. "Different shades of the same color are more complementary than we think," says D.C. designer Sally Steponkus. A green ceramic stool and citron accents, for example, would make a good pairing. \$89.99 at www.worldmarket.com. Online only.



TRINA TURK

If it's the elegant side of emerald that you prefer, make sure your materials match your intent. Trina Turk's pillow in Shanghai Links looks meticulously handmade in its needlepoint wool pattern. \$52, laylagrayce.com.



ROOM & BOARD

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LODGE MANUFACTURING

In a neutral room, a bold tea kettle or Dutch oven such as Lodge Manufacturing's Enamel Dutch Oven can declare a kitchen on trend. \$79.95, www.lodgemfg.com.