

# Green with Envy

Bring the outside in this summer with a calming array of nature-inspired colours. Natural influences have been creeping back into the decor sphere, but unlike previous iterations of the trend, this sleek, modern look is based around hues - with just a few interesting textures which can harmoniously co-exist. The palette is rich in deep greens, greys and browns, with occasional hints of a very soft blush pink or a warm beige. The trend is a sophisticated one - and one which lends itself to the long-term and is guaranteed not to fall out of style anytime soon.

First things first; consider your colours. Paints and upholstery shades should all have a cool base. This will keep a neutral feel, even on bolder colours like deep bottle green Resene Botanic.

Don't be afraid to add a softer shade of green into the same space, as long as both have cool, complementary undertones. Utilising a cool, neutral palette has advantages; namely that it will allow for textures to shine - whether it's a soft velvet couch or a wooden coffee table complete with beautiful, natural details.

While it can be tempting to add additional stylistic elements, like a rustic feel or more extravagantly designed pieces, try to avoid this. Keep furniture items clean cut, with simple lines and classic shapes in order to ensure the space feels modern and fresh. Too many elements can distract from the aesthetic appreciation of high-quality furnishings. Houseplants should also be used sparingly - a potted rubber tree is a lovely addition to a room, but a jungle feel with a

multitude of hanging plants may prove to be more trouble than it's worth with guest allergies and additional cleaning requirements to keep in mind. Bedding should be kept crisp and simple, white cotton sheets with a linen duvet are perfect for the warmer seasons.

Boutique hotels will easily be able to adopt the cool, subtle interior approach, as well as larger accommodation providers who have more of a casual feel. The trend also flows well across an entire property - from guest rooms to lobby areas, as long as the base palette is cohesive, and some matching elements are retained. A major bonus is the easy indoor-outdoor flow which won't even require effort. ●

