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Olive GREEN

Olive green is one of the easiest colours to work with in both exteriors and interiors. It's a shade that is often used as a neutral because, even though it has a green base, it goes well with other colours and grounds a colour palette well.

Dulux Designer
Martini Olive

Dulux Natural White

Dulux Black

Dulux Design Silk Martini Olive

GREEN MACHINE

A true olive green is made by mixing the secondary colours of orange and green, making it a tertiary colour which belongs to the Forest palette.

In addition to creating olive green, these two secondary colours create a soft lime and chartreuse, a muddy mustard colour and a soft caramel hue.

A more muted olive green that has a browner base is created by mixing the complementary colours of yellow and purple together.

THE PERFECT COMPLEMENT

Olive green goes really well with the other colours from the Forest palette and looks particularly good partnered with a mellow orange. It also complements warm reds and the muddier, brown olive greens look great with purple.

Greyed-down versions are regularly seen on exteriors of houses and a pillar box red front door completes the look beautifully. It's also a neutral that goes well with sophisticated black or dark navy blue trims and can also be lifted with fresh white accents for a different feel.

MYSTERY HUE

Olive green creates a dark and mysterious mood when painted on all four walls in an interior space. It can be successful, but does need to have some tonal contrast from white to make it work. Therefore, paint skirting boards and architraves in a crisp white and accessorise the walls with large mirrors and artworks.

Remember that darker colours on walls will advance and change the visual dimensions of the space. For a lighter look, opt for an olive green that has been tinted with white.