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The Green Is Grassier

Fresh greens always emerge in store windows and style magazines at the first hint of spring, and this year's early favorite takes its cue from the past. We are witnessing the comeback of Kelly green.

Not the Kelly of alligator shirts, plaid pants and girls named Muffy, but comforting variations on this new-mown shade: "Not mature enough to be considered old and stodgy, but not so young as to be preppy and irresponsible," said Leslie Harrington, color consultant and president of LH Color in Old Greenwich, Conn.

Kelly greens mingle happily with the greens you fell for in seasons past (lime, apple, sage, chartreuse), so you can introduce the shade by making dramatic changes (painting a room, tiling a bath) or dropping subtle hints (napkins, tea trays, old clothbound books).

Oh, and happy St. Patrick's Day.

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