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TOP "True Olive is an opulent green that would look stunning on the walls of a traditional English drawing room or a country kitchen," says Ian West, founder, Ecco Organic Paints. £41.63, 5l matt emulsion
 David Mottershead, MD, Little Greene, advises: "Originally a Georgian colour, Olive Colour provides a dramatic backdrop for displaying art and antiques." £35, 2.5l absolute matt emulsion
 Inspired by the gold-dappled greens of Sissinghurst Castle's Orchard Meadow, Castle Meadow is a rich olive shade which Fired Earth's creative director Rob Whittaker suggests pairing with burnished metallics. £37.50 for 2.5l emulsion

MIDDLE Director of Pots of Paints, Edward Bulmer, reveals the inspiration for Drab Green: "Drab referred originally to an un-dyed cloth, and its use in colour terminology came to mean a lightish brown. 18th-century accounts refer to drab green, and we have taken this idea to mix a beautiful brown-green in defiance of its name! I have seen this colour used by clients to create really grown-up rooms with depth and self-assurance." From £38 for 2.5l
 Farrow & Ball's aptly named Olive was "first used in early 18th-century panel rooms, and is a true earth green," says director Sarah Cole. "It's extremely versatile." £36, 2.5l estate emulsion

BOTTOM Serpentine by Mylands is recommended by director Dominic Myland for use "in a dining room, study or library for understated elegance, or in a kitchen paired with wood, stone or marble for a natural, stylish scheme." £34.66 for 2.5l matt emulsion
 "Green Olive is cosy, warm and subtle. We don't advise use in bathrooms as it reflects an unpleasant hue on skintones, but it is perfect for any other room as it combines well with many colours," says Francesca Wazel, Francesca's Paints.
 Artisan by Korig Colours is a fresh, contemporary olive shade, ideal for those nervous of using stronger, darker hues. £59.40, 4l low-sheen emulsion ▶