

## SEEING GREEN

Ultimate gray, the Pantone Color of the Year, is great, but have you ever seen the way green lights up a room? The hue acts almost like a neutral, pairing well with most design styles and accenting more muted colors such as navy, brown and black. Plus, it transitions from season to season, much like greenery in nature. According to Google trend data, search interest in sage green in particular has reached a record high in 2021, with the color currently beating out emerald and mint as the most-searched shade of green. But designer Terri Fiori of Fiori Interior Design in Wyckoff says you can't go wrong decorating your home with any shade in the green family: army, forest, moss, whatever.

"We all want to bring the outdoors in these days, and using green in any setting can do just that," Fiori says. "It also allows us to make our surroundings more peaceful and less anxiety provoking." Fiori recommends using the hue as more than just an accent color for a real punch. "I love a velvety green accent chair," she adds, "or mixing green with shades of blue for the perfect color combination."



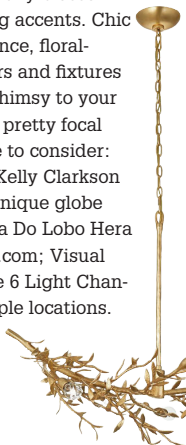
## BLOOMS FOR YOUR ROOMS

Your home has blossomed into a multifunctional space during the pandemic (office!

classroom! playground!), but here's a home design trend that's literally blossoming: botanical lighting accents. Chic

and modern all at once, floral-inspired chandeliers and fixtures bring a sense of whimsy to your space and create a pretty focal point. Here are three to consider: Clockwise from left, Kelly Clarkson

Home Gabby 3-Light unique globe chandelier, wayfair.com; Boca Do Lobo Hera suspension lamp, bocadolobo.com; Visual Comfort Julie Neill Mandeville 6 Light Chandelier, Capitol Lighting, multiple locations.



## A SUSSEX COUNTY SPECTACLE

You probably forgot the look, smell and overall vibe of an art museum due to, you know, being in hibernation for much of the last 18 months, but we have just the place to help you remember again. Located in Sussex County, Luna Parc is "where every day is Christmas; every night is Halloween!" More literally, it's the atelier and home of multimedia artist Richard "Ricky" Boscarino, who has turned this treasure trove into a part-time museum for the season. His whimsy, creativity and use of outrageous embellishment in every nook and cranny will amaze, whether you're ogling his credit-card curtain, his "Hall of Hats" or the bathroom made entirely of mosaic walls and flooring. Luna Parc is only open a select few days throughout the year—even this out-there artist needs his privacy!—so email him at [ricky@lunaparc.com](mailto:ricky@lunaparc.com) to learn his availability and to set up your tour.

## JOIN THE COOP GROUP

Stop making runs to the farmers market and get your eggs from chickens in your backyard. Chicken coops are stylish, functional accessories that have become mini-art pieces—many woodworkers (and some businesses like NJ Chicken Man in Bergen County that specialize in these cozy coops) can make beautiful and custom installations; they can resemble sheds, mini barns or even houses. The functional aspect adds to the allure—chickens lay eggs daily, so you'll always have fresh eggs.

If you're handy, you may even want to make constructing a chicken coop your next DIY project. "Since we installed our chicken



coop more than six years ago, we continue to enjoy the fresh daily eggs we receive," says Harrington Park resident Craig Scherer. "The chickens have become part of our family, and we allow them to roam the yard with our dogs as protection. They also keep our yard clear from ticks and other insects."

## BORED WITH YOUR BOARD?

If you're tired of your plain, wooden headboard, it's time to upgrade to a statement piece you'll be happy to wake up to. A colorful animal print, velvet earth tones, a semicircle or an elegant York shape—there are many options should you want to bring a pop of color or texture to the space where you sleep. And because these headboards are easy to install and remove, you're never stuck with just one style. Pick one to display year-round or invest in two to switch out every couple of months.

"We have been inundated with grays, soft tones and neutrals for the past five years (at least), and people are now craving more color, bolder prints and more personality to inject into their homes," says Laurie DiGiacomo of Laurie DiGiacomo Interiors in Ridgewood. "These headboards represent a low-cost, low-commitment way to add some drama and an interesting focal point to one's bedroom."