

# Green is the colour

Don't be the envy of your friends, follow Rachel Bates' tips for staying on trend

**G**reen is the colour that will keep you on trend in 2017.

It was named Pantone Colour of the Year and described by the executive director of the Pantone Colour Institute Leatrice Eiseman like this: "Greenery symbolises the reconnection we seek with nature, one another and a larger purpose."

So to give *Cheshire Living* readers an idea of how to grapple with green to make it work for you, we asked Cheshire girl and entrepreneur Rachel Bates, CEO and founder of global luxury e-boutique [rachelbatesinteriors.com](http://rachelbatesinteriors.com), what she makes of this year's choice.

With her inherent gift for design and instinct for the use of vibrant colour in all her work, she was recently referred to by Kerryn Harper-Cuss, editor in chief of *The English Home* magazine, as "a colour magician" and the *Sunday Telegraph's Stella Magazine* as the "fairy Godmother of the interior design makeover".

It's clear when you speak to her that Rachel is passionate about all colour, although her favourite is green, which she calls "the most important colour in the universe".

"Green is the equilibrium in all things, nature, interiors, fashion, art, the only colour that sits perfectly with all colours," she said.

Her stunning online boutique – showcasing a mix of her own luxury label products, prestigious collaborations with other luxury brands from Champagne Laurent Perrier to And So to Bed London and an elegantly curated edit of what she loves from other brands – offers you the option to shop by colour, so we have chosen 10 of our favourite pieces from Rachel's Little Luxuries to share with you.

All green, of course.



PEACOCK TEAPOT – EMERALD

"Peacock & Blossom" is one of Rachel Bates' signature designs that has been delicately hand painted and gilded in 24 carat gold onto her Limoges porcelain collection by the fabulous Marie Daâge, Paris and her team of skilled artisans in Limoges. £374



APPLE HOUSE

A lovely soft green, named after Rachel's family home in Nether Alderley where she grew up. It was a beautiful listed property enclosed with stunning walled gardens, where she had amazing, happy family times. It was also a fantastic party house. £5.25



BOTANICAL CANDLE – LARGE

A spellbinding scented candle both feminine and masculine. Time honoured accord of jasmine, rose with a dash of orange blossom, bergamot and summer berries. The Botanical Large Candle holds 260g of wax and burns for over 55 hours. £120



CRISTOBELLE CHAMPAGNE SAUCERS – SET OF SIX – EMERALD

The shape of this Champagne Saucer is based on an Edwardian style Champagne glass and Rachel has added a modern twist with her extensive selection of vibrant colours and signature, elegant lace cap hydrangea design. £1,110

HÉLÈNE BED

And So to Bed collaborated with Rachel Bates to develop a new design that would appeal to customers keen to have a statement piece in their bedroom. The "Hélène" Bed involved lots of hand carving of peacock feathers & lace cap hydrangeas. £4,525

