

Sage Green Testing Guide

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Keep a record of your paint's brand, color name, and code number. Snap a photo of the label before you toss the can. Future touch-ups will be much easier when you have this information handy.

Step 1: Gather Your Samples

- Order 8 oz sample pots from your top 2-3 sage green choices
- Alternative: Use peel-and-stick color chips for quick previews, but always confirm with actual paint
- Buy a small foam roller or brush dedicated to samples

Step 2: Prepare Your Swatches

- Paint swatches at least 2x2 feet (bigger is better)
- Apply two coats for accurate color representation
- Choose multiple walls that get different light throughout the day
- Label each swatch with painter's tape (color name, brand, code)

Step 3: Lighting Evaluation Checklist

Time of Day	What to Check	Watch Out For
Morning (7-10 AM)	Does the sage look too gray or washed out?	Cooler light can make sage feel flat
Midday (12-3 PM)	Do yellow undertones become too strong?	Direct sun amplifies warmth
Late Afternoon (4-6 PM)	How does the color warm up or cool down?	Golden hour changes everything
Evening (7-10 PM)	Does it look muddy or flat under lamps?	Artificial light can deaden sage
Overcast Days	Does the sage maintain its character?	No direct sun reveals true undertones

Step 4: Side-by-Side Comparison

- Paint two sage greens directly next to each other on the same wall
- Look for:
 - Which undertone (warm/cool) feels right with your furniture
 - Which shade complements your flooring
 - Which color makes the room feel larger vs cozier
 - Which sage works better with your trim color

Step 5: Live With It

- Spend at least 3 days observing your samples
- Notice how the color makes you feel in different moods
- Take photos with your phone to see how it reads in pictures
- Ask family members for their honest reactions

Step 6: Final Decision Matrix

Evaluation Criteria	Sage Green #1	Sage Green #2	Sage Green #3
Looks good in morning light	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5
Works in afternoon sun	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5
Feels right under evening lamps	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5
Complements existing decor	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5
Makes room feel the way I want	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5	Rate 1-5
Total Score	___ / 25	___ / 25	___ / 25