

# A green chemistry quiz for St. Patrick's Day

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Which of the following are green?

- ✿ 510 nm or 600 nm
- ✿ Bromothymol blue in a basic solution or a neutral solution
- ✿ Copper(II) chloride dihydrate or copper(II) oxide
- ✿ BaCl<sub>2</sub> salt or CaCl<sub>2</sub> salt in fireworks
- ✿ Flame test for boron or sodium
- ✿ Hematite or malachite
- ✿ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, with Cr<sup>3+</sup> replacing a few Al<sup>3+</sup> in octahedral sites or Be<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>(SiO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>, with Cr<sup>3+</sup> replacing a few Al<sup>3+</sup> in octahedral sites
- ✿ Potassium ferric oxalate trihydrate or cupric sulfate pentahydrate crystals
- ✿ Copper arsenite or cadmium sulfide paint (we would not suggest painting your room with either)
- ✿ C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub>S<sub>3</sub> or C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S<sub>3</sub> (note the small difference in compound but a difference in colour)
- ✿ Universal pH test paper dipped in a weak alkaline or strong acid solution
- ✿ Chlorophyll under ultraviolet light or chlorophyll under visible light (front cover of this issue)

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