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A typical Victorian terraced house has a narrow, difficult-to-decorate hall, with little or no room for furniture. Rather than shying away from bold colour, this successful scheme embraces it, which gives the space real impact and character, building a sense of anticipation about the rooms that lie beyond. Using a strong colour could make it gloomy but setting the green against accents of brilliant white (the wall above the picture rail, the paintwork and the furniture) keeps it bright and fresh. The cream carpet further lightens it and a distinctive rug is a sensible choice to protect the carpet. The mirror, metallic lamp and flowers all help to further brighten this chic entrance.



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