



Recreated from a fragment of a 1930s paper, *Vine*, £76 a roll from Little Greene, is inspired by the Arts & Crafts designs of William Morris

PATTERN PLAY



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The big new trend Wallpaper designs can speak volumes about the tastes and personalities of their owners and the heritage of the houses they occupy. They also can tell the story of the home owner, infusing the home with character, like a piece of art.

Wallpaper is big news because so many people are renovating their homes rather than moving. There's a trend for pretty patterns, trails and birds, textures and decadent shimmering finishes. Scale is generally large and wallpapers are no longer reserved to single feature walls. Contrasting skirting

boards and painted woodwork in brighter, punchy hues has become more popular and is a fantastic way to bring together heritage patterns in a contemporary way.

Personal favourite I adore dark, moody wallpapers that give you a sense of being wrapped up in their opulence and depth. They look incredibly sophisticated teamed with wood and door frames painted in deep colours. It's always a joy to see wallpaper in bathrooms and kitchens.

★ TOP TIPS

- 1 Be adventurous and play with scale. Using large prints on small walls and small prints on large walls always works well.
- 2 The more the merrier – choose one design in two different colourways to add interest in a room. Alternatively, use one colourway in one room and another in the next to create intrigue and continuity.
- 3 Always use good quality wallpaper paste – your decorator will thank you for the thought and you'll appreciate the difference in the quality of the finish.

MIX AND MATCH



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The big new trend Today wallpaper comes in every look you can think of, from classic, neutral or minimalistic to bohemian, bold and arty. Digital printing has enabled revolutionary changes, bringing wallpaper up to date with exciting designs. Unlimited colour palettes are available and there are no restrictions when it comes to pattern size, resulting in designs that are big and brilliantly vibrant.

Personal favourite In general I really like colourful wallpaper that tells some kind of story. Also I'm an art lover so if a wallpaper combines some of these elements, then I'm sold!

★ TOP TIPS

- 1 Try to decorate the whole room with wallpaper. If you don't dare, you can always start with a small room before moving onto something bigger. Wallpaper works best if it's all around you as it brings a room together and unexpectedly creates space.
- 2 Wallpapered walls covered with paintings or prints can look fantastic.
- 3 Don't be afraid to mix different patterns; more really is more.



Clockwise from above: Chief Clown; Song of the Nightingale; Duck Pond; Berber Sketch; all 199 euros a roll from Ottoline de Vries