

GET THE LOOK



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How to pull it off

USE ODD NUMBERS

Incorporate a minimum of three patterns, and stick to an odd number. Odd numbers just seem to make things work, whether you're creating a color palette or potting plants.

CHOOSE A COLOR SCHEME

Use colors to pull patterns together. The largest-scaled pattern will have the most colors, the medium-scaled pattern will have a few colors and the smallest-scaled pattern will have a color or two.

CHANGE TEXTURES

Fabrics should vary in texture and material to add interest. Mix a cotton and linen with a sheen to keep the combination from feeling too flat.

MAINTAIN BALANCE

Too much of any pattern can be overwhelming. No one wants floor-to-ceiling floral. Spread patterns evenly throughout your space to keep the room from becoming unbalanced.

MIX PATTERN TYPES

Try to keep your patterns from clashing. The main pattern will likely be your inspiration and the largest in scale, while the least important design will be the smallest in scale.

FIND COMPANIONS

Many companies make pattern mixing much easier by creating fabrics that coordinate with one another. All you have to do is choose the color palette, and use the corresponding patterns.

Shape changers



CHEVRON

Great for large accents such as area rugs, wall-paper or curtains where you desire an eye-catching design with a pop of color.



POLKA DOTS

They're not just for playrooms! Polka dots go well with other patterns, and can be paired with floral designs for a casual, bohemian vibe.



GEOMETRIC

The symmetrical effect of shapes makes this pattern easy to incorporate. Try it out on something small like a flower vase or throw blanket.



FAUX BOIS

This style, which means fake wood in French, brings a calmness because the eye accepts this pattern as naturally occurring.

Pattern Matters

Patterns can really add pizzazz to a room, but mixing and matching them may prove to be a daunting task. Don't be afraid to mix it up with the following advice.