



Palatable Prints & Patterns



MAKING A STATEMENT

Express your personality and design style with bold wallpaper designs such as this quatrefoil-inspired print. Accented with mustard-colored accessories and black and white anchored pieces, this room is sure to leave an impression.

Adding wow factor to your home with bursts of color and bold designs

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MIX IT UP

Odd numbers seems to make things work, especially when you're combining colors or patterns: choose three or more. The key to successful mixing is varying the scale. Pair a subtly textured vase and a neutral ottoman with bold floral print pillows for a fresh, fun look.



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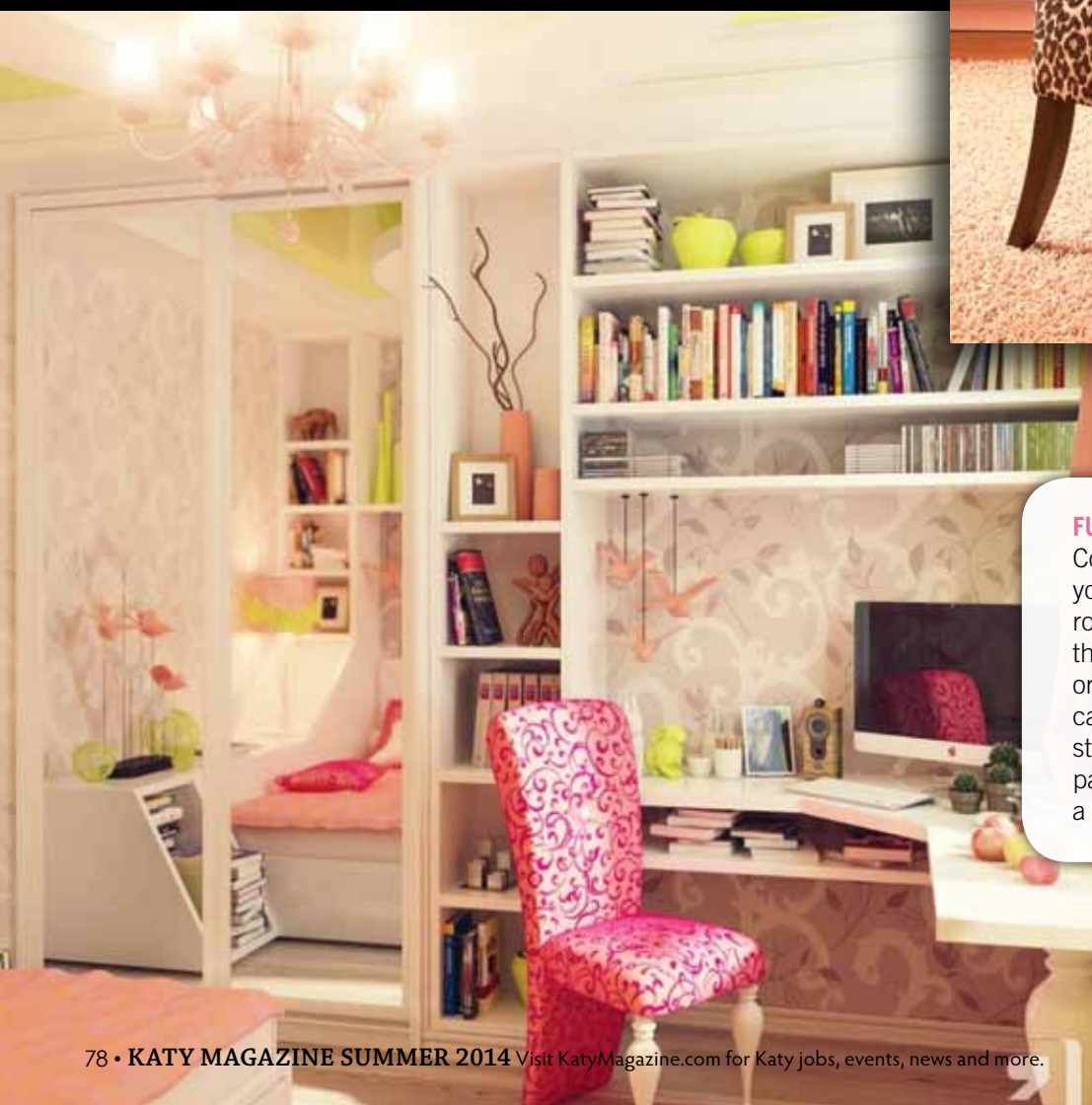
COLORED INSPIRATION

Is there a particular fabric you found that you just love or a color that every time you see it, it evokes a pleasant memory? Use that as the inspiration behind your design and build from there. Use your primary color for your large pieces and brighter shades for your decorative accents.



CONVERSATION PIECE

Not ready to paint your room crimson red? Pick a uniquely patterned piece of furniture or recover a current staple in a textured fabric. It will give a new spin to your room and create a topic for discussion during tea time.



FUNKY AND FUNCTIONAL

Consider what type of personality you would like portrayed in the room. Busy patterns will amp up the energy of a space while simple or pale patterns will emit feelings of calmness and harmony. This teen study nook uses pale patterned wall paper with splashes of neon to keep a contemporary and upbeat feel.

WEIGHING YOUR OPTIONS

Distributing solid and patterned pieces evenly throughout your room will provide an aesthetically pleasing look. Avoid positioning all of your patterned pieces together on one side of the room causing it to look "weighed down."



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DESIGNING WITH INTENSITY

When choosing a color scheme and patterns, stay within the same family of intensity. For instance, it may not be as eye-catching to mix pastels with bold primary colors or soft muted shades with vibrant jewel tones. If you've chosen to accent with fuchsia throw pillows for example, it's okay to have an equally expressive statement area rug such as a safari animal print.



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PICK A HUE

Looking for low-cost ways to pattern update a room? Adding pillows to a bedroom or couch is an easy way to explore your pattern personality. Once you've settled on a hue you're in love with, try painting an accent wall, buying shaded accessories, or even an anchor piece of furniture. If you're feeling daring, add a textured rug in a complementary color. **KM**



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