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WALLPAPER: LOOKING TO SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME? EXPERIMENT WITH THESE ON-TREND WALL COVERINGS BY OLIVER STALLWOOD

FEW things inject character into your rooms like new wallpaper. Homeowners have played it safe in recent years but with many now staying longer in their properties, there's a growing trend towards personalising what they have. Out are boring painted walls and in are vibrant papered spaces.

'Wallpaper is the perfect base for adding character and depth to a room,' says Josephine Bennett, senior design manager at Laura Ashley. 'Whether you coordinate the scheme by selecting wallpaper that complements your accessories to bring it all together or decide to create a bold statement across one feature wall, wallpaper is great for giving some personality to a room.'



BRADBURY WALLPAPER

British designer Lorna Syson took inspiration for this geometric print while picking berries. 'The angular and structured negative shapes created by the bushes, leaves and fruit intrigued me,' she says. £120 a roll, www.lornasyson.co.uk



ANIMAL MAGIC

I've said it before and I'll say it again - why do kids get the best stuff? This glossy wallpaper is technically for children but its moody and macabre animal skeleton print would work just as well on one wall of a living room or in the hall. Deadily. £120 a roll, www.paperbywallpaper.co.uk



HACKNEY EMPIRE MIDNIGHT STRIPE WALLPAPER

As with everything from the House of Hackney, there's nothing dull about this wallpaper. A regimented striped background frames playful partying animals, neatly fusing the classic and contemporary. £148 a roll, www.houseofhackney.com

SYCAMORE KALEIDO WALLPAPER

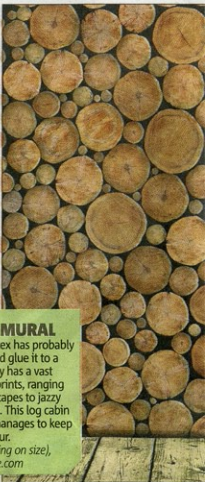
Like covering your wall with a hanger, this is a shock to the senses. Give it a moment, though, and you'll see how wonderful the design is; the pattern is created by seed pods but arranged in a way that wouldn't look out of place at Berlin nightclub Berghain. Totally original and highly recommended. Price upon request. www.lauraalivia.com



LOG CABIN MURAL

You name it, Digitex has probably tried to print it and glue it to a wall. The company has a vast selection of wall prints, ranging from cheesy cityscapes to jazzy geometric shapes. This log cabin print just about manages to keep its sense of humour.

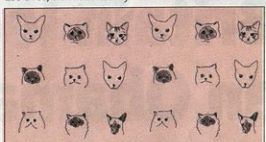
From £79 (depending on size), www.digitexhome.com



CAT WALLPAPER

Complete that crazy cat lady (or man) look that's so hot right now with this wallpaper. Yep, it's dozens of felines watching your every move. Meow.

£95 a roll, www.bainesandfricker.net

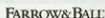


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