



MATERIAL world

Welcome in the new season with fresh patterns and prints, engaging textures and a cheerful palette

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Cora Soren's *Taking Flight* wallpaper zooms in on life under our noses: Gladiolus blooms and bees make for a vibrant and impactful wall scene. Pick out accent colours in your decor accessories to keep the scheme consistent, corasoren.com

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Inherently fresh and delicate, and often nature-orientated, Oriental-themed patterns are ideal for spring, but also neutral enough that they won't date across the seasons. These modern takes on iconic motifs make them ideal for contemporary interiors.



4. Bamboo, but not as you know it. Romeo's Japura design reimagines the elegant plant in toned-down blue rather than green – making it feel brand new. This would look excellent teamed with metallics for a really luxe feel. romosouthafrica.com

5. Very graphic in quality, the Pine pattern in the Nippon wallpaper collection from Sandberg – available at The Silk and Cotton Co – almost doesn't read as foliage, which makes it a really good neutral and understated print for a high-traffic area. Its scale makes it best suited to a fairly expansive wall, so use it in a large space for best effect. silkcoco.co.za

6. An updated abstract take on the perennial Japanese cherry blossom emblem, this design by Elitis at St Leger & Viney reduces the flowers to almost just an outline, which gives it a modern feel. It'll look extra sharp paired with contemporary decor and grounded with black accents. stleger.co.za

7. This Shangri La design in the Nirvana collection from Herbez offers a fresh way to use fabric to add depth to a space and an alternative vertical application to wallpaper. The jewel tones are Oriental in spirit but less traditional than the norm. herbez.co.za

8. The traditional village scene in Where I Build my House from Cara Saven has been given a 21st-century spin with bright colour. The combination of complementary yellow chairs makes the blues and orange in the pattern pop. carasaven.com



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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Avian-themed designs offer nature-inspired charm. An ever-popular motif that lends itself well to a repeat pattern, it's a super-versatile theme and comes in all shapes, species and sizes.

13 If drama is what you're after, opt for quality over quantity with one large visual mural style. This swan scene from Robin Sprong offers baroque-level impact such that you'd only need to do one accent wall in a space. robinSprong.com



14 Combine two classics with one design. The Cara Sawni Luciferin motif, inspired by iconic textile designer William Morris, offers period charm without being stuffy or serious. upbeat colours keep it fresh and fun. carasawni.com

15 A painterly effect in pink is the epitome of femininity. Here, watercolour geese take flight in the Xanadu design from Hertex. The movement and flow in the pattern make it a perfect motif for curtaining fabric. hertex.co.za