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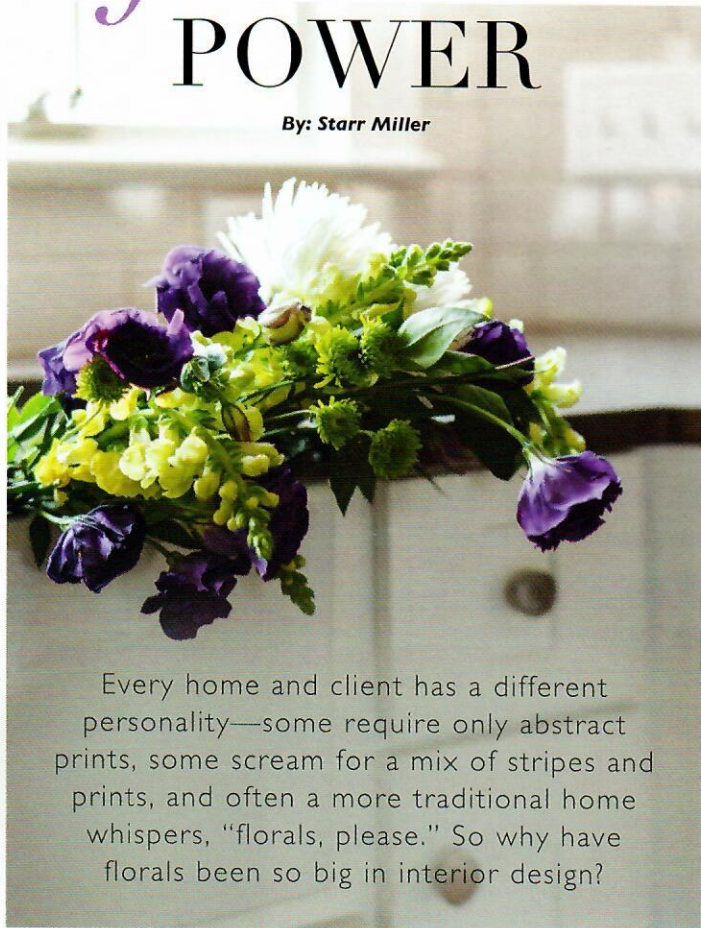
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Time to
Bloom!



flower POWER

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Every home and client has a different personality—some require only abstract prints, some scream for a mix of stripes and prints, and often a more traditional home whispers, “florals, please.” So why have florals been so big in interior design?

Design inspiration typically pulls from nature, and I have to say, “God got it right.” The colors blue and green tend to soothe while flowers take a starring role. We use florals to:

Bring excitement, texture, and even whimsy to a space.

Set the inspiration of a design.

Make a focal point in a room.

Enhance the view when placed as a window treatment.

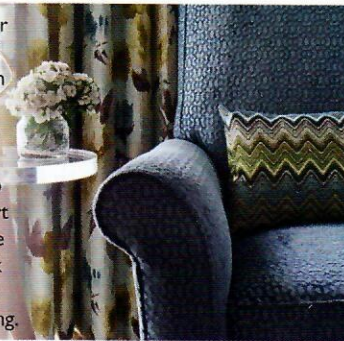
Expand on the detailing of traditional architecture.



These days you can find florals in all shapes and sizes in both wallcovering and fabrics. A massive flower on a wall makes a space feel contemporary, while medium-sized florals feel more traditional. We are seeing extra-small florals in fashion now. They tend to feel dainty and work especially well in a home in bistro curtains and tabletop design.



When developing a plan for the fabrics in a room, I pull a larger print together with a medium-sized print and a smaller print. In the case of a large floral, I would put a small stripe with it to balance and further support the importance of the large print. Add a medium check or abstract and you have a fabulous room in the making.



THE TRICK TO PICKING FLORALS:

- If you tend to be contemporary in your décor go for the wall-sized flower in your wallcovering.
- If you want a masculine feel, think of men’s ties and keep the scale smaller and/or muted in color. Pair that with a pinstripe or windowpane and you will have met the masculine challenge.
- If you like clear colors with defined edges, there are florals for you. Make sure there is a stark contrast between the florals and the background color to really pull off this look.
- If you like understated design, you can go for a brushstroke, water-colored look.
- If you are thinking of doing florals on upholstered items, make sure your fabricator knows how to lay them out for maximum impact. You may be in love with the coral-colored flower, but the upholsterer likes the yellow and makes it the center of attention. The more specific you are the more fabric you will need.
- If you hate florals, don’t do florals. There are so many other choices!
- If you just like to plant flowers and see them through your window, do not have a window treatment that stops the eye. Use a subtle color and pattern that becomes background to your marvelous view.

It is time to go smell the roses ... winter was too long this year!



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