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The trend for **BOLD WALLPAPERS** is here to stay. Interiors stylist Hannah Cork **SHARES HER TIPS** for hanging it with **MODERN STYLE**



Above: Hannah chose this Murals Wallpaper for the Sharps Bedrooms set. Below: Blackpop wallpaper, image by Kristy Noble

SIZE MATTERS

Most standard wallpaper is 79cm wide. Timorous Beasties print some extra wide, at 138cm and this is great for paper with huge patterns and repeats. I've recently discovered the online company Murals Wallpaper (muralswallpaper.co.uk) who have a great range of unusual patterns which are printed to fit your exact wall dimensions to create a modern and striking mural. I recently used a large-scale marble print for a room set featuring Sharps fitted wardrobes and it looked gorgeous.

NAMES TO KNOW

For bold colour and edgy pattern, I'd suggest looking at Blackpop (blackpop.co.uk - right), Susi Bellamy (susi-bellamy.com - above) and Timorous Beasties (timorousbeasties.com). Their wallpapers are so unique and really make a statement. A new designer to look out for is Mairi Helena (mairihelena.co.uk). Based in Edinburgh, her wallpaper designs take inspiration from the wild Scottish environment.



MIND THE GAP

A feature wall - where just one wall or a chimney breast is wallpapered - is looking very dated now. I'd suggest going the whole hog and papering all the walls in a room for maximum effect. If that feels too intimidating, hanging a patterned paper in recesses either side of a fireplace, or behind floating shelves can work very well.



CONSIDER YOUR SPACE

It's easy to go bold in a room where you don't spend too much time, such as an entrance hall, stairwell or downstairs cloakroom. In bedrooms, make sure the paper will allow you to sufficiently relax! I love bold wallpaper in a living room but make sure you can sit surrounded by the pattern for an extended period of time.



Above left: Mairi Helena's Island Botanist paper. Above and opposite: Susi Bellamy's paper and furnishings

INSPIRING INTERIORS

I love visiting English Heritage and National Trust properties for authentic interiors inspiration. You see some stunning wallpapers in their original environment. Recent trips to Broadworth Hall near Doncaster, Audley End in Essex and Dunham Massey near Warrington gave me endless ideas for using wallpapers in a new and modern way.



Above: Blackpop's Chapelle Noon and Blush wallpapers. Left: the upholstered walls of the dining room at Beaverbrook

BEYOND THE PALE

There's no need to stop at paper when it comes to decorating. I've been seeing a lot of fabrics being used as wall coverings recently, which is interesting. Beaverbrook in Surrey, which interior designer Susie Atkinson designed, has lots of rich fabrics on the walls and the effect is fantastic.

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