

The Art of Mixing Patterns

Don't be afraid to leave “matchy-matchy” decor behind

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Designed by Jo Littlefair, this apartment at One Tower Bridge, London features contrasting patterns on the walls, rug, and ottoman that come together via neutral tones.

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*Each week Mansion Global tackles an interior design topic with an elite group of designers from around the world who work on luxury properties. This week we look at **how to mix and match patterns well**.*

Mismatched motifs—such as stripes, florals and geometric prints—when done right, have a chic, fashion-forward vibe that’s all about personality.

“Patterns can express character and style and can be the real differentiator in a space, particularly if well-chosen and curated,” says Jo Littlefair, director and co-founder of Goddard Littlefair in London. “They add visual interest... and work best when combined with larger neutral elements elsewhere,” Ms. Littlefair said.

To master your mixing and matching, follow these tips from the design pros.

Don't Be Afraid to Go for It ←

“There aren't any set rules when it comes to mixing prints and patterns. We focus our attention on color and texture rather than print.

"We typically incorporate prints and patterns when it comes to guestroom design. They add an element of character and originality, especially when they are fun and playful, and they also add visual intrigue and depth to a space.

"We keep our designs modern and tailored through the subtle layering of prints. We usually like to place patterns on smaller items such as accent pillows on a bench and/or small lounge chair. For larger surfaces, like walls and sofas, we use solid-colored fabrics or coverings that have interesting texture.”



At One 57 in New York, Jeffrey Beers layered accent pillows in varying motifs bringing the look together with color repetition.

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— Jeffrey Beers of Jeffrey Beers International in New York