

Decorating Tips & Tricks



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Let's be honest here, some of us love wallpaper and some of us hate it, especially when the "wallpaper removal party" turns into a nightmare major renovation, including new drywall installation, taping, sanding, priming, etc. But things have changed in the wallpaper industry, from the look and feel to the adhesives that make installing or removing wallpaper easier and less messy.

Famous designers like Karim Rashid, Ralph Lauren, and Anna French have their own wallpaper collections that come in different styles: Contemporary, Damasks, Floral, Toiles, Stripes, Children, Animals, Solids & Textures - something for every taste.

Wallpaper is making its comeback and it's more bold and beautiful than ever. I am not talking 360° wallpaper, but an accent wall, the inside of a dated cabinet, some framed art or, for the adventurous one, a wallpapered ceiling (professional installation recommended). It's a great way to bring colour and drama into your home, without breaking the bank.

Try this little project: Takes about ½ hour. You will need:

- 3 identical frames
- 3 wallpaper samples (ask for samples at the local paint store. Usually they come in 20 in. x 20 in.)
- nails, hammer, tape, measuring tape, level



Frame the wallpaper et voilà! Your own art for the cost of the frames.

Try hanging similar pieces of art in a grouping. Treat the whole grouping as if it was one piece and use the two-thirds rule. i.e. The art piece or grouping should be two-thirds the width of the item below it.

Now you can use your new wall art for inspiration to choose accessories, fabrics or wall paint to tie the room together. Some day, you might want to try something more adventurous. An accent wall, perhaps?♦



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