

FLOWERS, ferns ...and other ways to make you and your home look fabulous

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PACK A PUNCH

If you're brave enough, an impressive backdrop can set a room's heart racing. Cool it down with simple furniture and highlights of a bold, contrasting colour.



Bone inlay mirror, £300, Niki Jones

Walls covered in 'Paradise' (39100) wallpaper, £83.27 per 10m roll, Brian Yates. Linen curtains, from £174 per pair, The Natural Curtain Company. 'Mandola' tie-back, £56, Designers Guild. Frosted window film, £12.50 per metre, The Window Film Company. 'Harry Silver' sisal rug, £72 per square metre; herringbone border, £16 per metre: both Crucial Trading. Mirrored framed print, £199 for four; mother-of-pearl inlay chest of drawers, £895: both Graham & Green.



'Autunno' chest, £1,069, Skitsch

ON CHEST OF DRAWERS: 'Wey' photo frames, £10, Habitat. Glass candlestick lamp, £511; 'Warwick' drum lampshade, £115: both Vaughan. Lampshade covered in 'Miami In Prairie' (4590/05) cotton, £52 per metre, Manuel Canovas. 'Mandola' trim in moss, £61 per metre, Designers Guild.



'Blossom' dress, £180, Monsoon

MAKE-UP TABLE: 'Pearl' dressing table, £1,121, Skitsch. Glass vase, £8, Bhs. 'Adiantum' plant, £6.25, Clifton Nurseries. Patent leather notebook, £60, Mulberry at Liberty. Porcelain milk bottles, £45 (large), £35 (small), Shan Vaika at Roost Living. Button box, £5, Habitat. 'Tollix' chair, £175, Graham & Green. Cushion, stylist's own.

Silver 'Cypress' necklace, from a selection, Tous

Fabric-covered bangles, £8 each, LauraLaura



'Lily Muguet' green tea, about £17 per 100g, Mariage Frères

Tote bag, £5, Miller Harris



Storage suitcases, £175 for two, Paperchase. Converse boots, £36.99, Schuh. Jewellery, from a selection, Lola Rose



Folia' cotton, £38 per metre, Sanderson



Bamboo lamp, £695, Besselink & Jones



'Corsica' rug, from £534, Etoile



'Silhouette' chair, £250, Niki Jones



Silver necklace, £14, Jewellery By Vanya



'Oasis' bikini, £58, Poko Pano



'Modern Botanicals' plant labels, £5.50 each, Big Tomato Company at Pale & Interesting



A FOCUS ON FOLIAGE

Highly decorative ceramics are undergoing a renaissance; complement them with simpler designs and delicate, indoor ferns to create the ultimate peaceful corner.

Walls in 'Etiquette' matt emulsion, £15.99 per 2.5l, Crown. Louvre mirror, £42.95, Clifton Nurseries. 'Poppy' wall sticker, £35, Miss Print at Roost Living. Find a similar armchair at Zoffany. Armchair covered in 'Woodland Fern', £44 per metre, Sanderson. 'Montauk Aqua' cushion, £70, Designers Guild. Floor in 'Vogue Rustic Oak Light' laminate flooring, £26.49 per square metre, Quick-Step. 'Lack' wall shelves, £9.99 each, Ikea.

ON SHELVES:

Aqua enamel bucket, £12.95, Clifton Nurseries. All other plant pots, from £10 each, Brissi. Plants, from a selection, Clifton Nurseries and B&Q.

ON FLOOR:

'Ostlig' aluminium planting tray, £4.99; 'Bladte' plant pots, £5.29 each: both Ikea. Bone inlay tray and table, £199, Graham & Green.

ON TABLE:

Glass vase, £8, Bhs. Silk hydrangeas, £20, Atelier Abigail Ahern. Glass water jug, £35; glasses, £3 each: all John Lewis →



Faux potted plants, £25 each, Peony