



It's time to refresh the way you think about flowers in your decor. Here are three very different ways to use florals in your space.

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When asked to think of floral interiors, you'd be forgiven if images of your grandmother's Liberty drawer liners or rose damask bedspreads spring to mind. While we love to embrace vintage at BHG, we're also here to show you that designing your space with floral influences can mean so many different things; from delicate, dainty and understated to a bold, blooming celebration of charm, or even incorporating florals in a more contemporary, neutral space. Turn the page and you'll discover three inspiring interiors that feature petals and posies in different ways.

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bloom bold

A striking second-hand pedestal sink takes centre stage, playing off flowing botanical wallpaper and warm wood and brass tones. This bathroom isn't afraid to say flower power. It's giving Diana Ross "It's my house, and I live here."

TOP STYLING TIPS

1. Beauty in balance

When working with a bold wallpaper pattern, you can tone down the visual impact with a neutral contrasting paint colour on the bottom half of the wall.

2. Find a mood-board hero

Choose your focal piece first. This washbasin was found on Facebook Marketplace - what a score! Build your mood board to support that piece, with complementary tones and shades. We echoed the pink of the basin in the wallpaper and accessories. The creamy tones of the taps also match the VJ board and lampshades.

3. Cohesive accents

You can create the perfect frame for your floral moment by keeping tones warm and consistent. Here, brass fittings and a timber mirror contrast with the pink and cream.



Pedestal **basin** and taps from Facebook Marketplace. It's similar to The Water Monopoly's Rockwell 610mm basin on pedestal, \$2450, from The English Tapware Company. Milton & King Magnolia Garden **wallpaper** in Pink, 10m roll, \$255. Visual Comfort Bryant **wall sconce** in brass, \$470 (ex GST), from Bloomingdales Lighting, shown with Luxe & Beau red velvet scallop **lampshades**, \$69 each. Santiago **wall mirror**, \$199, from Early Settler. **VJ board and dado** painted in Gardenia wall paint, \$159.90/4L, from Porter's Paints. **Rope half-round dado**, \$97.79, from Jaden Mouldings. Embroidered **ottoman**, \$299, from Early Settler. Robert Gordon Peacock **vase** in white, \$39.95, from Myer. Aliro **hand towel rail** in brushed brass, \$359.90, from ABI Interiors.



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understated

Subtle, comfortable and elegant, this room is giving Nancy Meyers, not your grandma's cottage. By building off a neutral palette, and introducing florals in cool green tones, this charming bedroom is calming and classic.

TOP STYLING TIPS

1. Soften with scale

Don't be afraid to use a patterned wallpaper with a simple, small recurring motif and a neutral base across your whole wall. While it may appear striking in a small swatch or sample, when you step back in a room setting, the pattern softens.

2. Same same but different

Timber furniture and rattan pieces in the same natural tones bring warmth and a variation in texture. Colours in the rug and the frames around the art prints also tie into this honey tone, creating a cohesive look.

3. Keep it calm and consistent

Introducing more florals in a single, subtle accent colour gives your neutral scheme depth without overwhelming it. A dusty, cool green has been added here with the pillows and bedspread.



Milton & King Posey **wallpaper** in Linen, 10m roll, \$280. Lucci Samba woven **pendant light**, \$249, from Beacon Lighting. Framed **botanical prints**, \$39.95 each for A2 size, from French Knot. Stella **bedhead**, \$599 for queen size, from Naturally Cane. Habitat Bettina Floral five-piece **coverlet pack** (green floral), queen size \$229.95, from Pillow Talk (coverlet, two pillowcases, square and rectangular cushion). French flax linen double-sided **quilt cover set** in Natural, queen size \$365, from I Love Linen. Hampton **bedside tables**, \$519 each, from Early Settler. Paulette **table lamps**, \$130 each, from Provincial Home Living. Tarot Nouveau washable **rug**, 150cm x 240cm, \$199, from Early Settler. Shown on bedside tables: fluted glass **vase**, \$29.95, from French Knot.



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modern muse

Who said florals had to be frilly? This contemporary, slightly gestural approach takes its cues from the flowing lines and contrasting shapes of nature.



TOP STYLING TIPS

1. Be bold

Adding a chair and rug in a bold pattern is a great way to liven up a plain room. It's quick, easy and so useful when you're renting! The floral patterns chosen for this chair and rug, as well as the sculptural light fitting, are deliberately not frilly or fragile.

2. Where's the floral?

Curating an art gallery wall lets you express your personal style. You can share your love of flowers by mixing floral paintings and prints with works depicting other subjects.

3. Fresh forms

Fresh flowers bring elegance to a room, and they don't need to be pretty pink roses! Go for Aussie natives, vibrant poppies, and don't forget foliage – eucalyptus has a lovely scent and structural form.



Khadi **armchair** in Daisy print, \$1495, from Provincial Home Living. Caspian three-light LED **pendant light** in rust finish, \$795, from Beacon Lighting. Tarot Nouveau **rug**, 150cm x 240cm, \$199, from Early Settler. Sloane **console table**, \$599, from Castlery. On console: Cottenham Lattice **vase**, \$12.95, from French Knot. Lola **candle holders**, from \$55 for three, with Ziggy **candles**, \$8 each, all from Studio Billie. Dahlia **bowl**, \$35, from Early Settler. "Fleur D'Encre III" framed art **print**, \$69.95, from Olive et Oriel. "Mid Century Abstract in Green", \$450, from Vintage Art Emporium. Bellinghen **cordless lamp** with glass shade, \$663, from NEOZ. Archer **coffee table** (at front), \$1595, from Provincial Home Living. Wall painted in Popcorn, \$159.90/4L, Porter's Paints. All **artworks** from Vintage Art Emporium and Olive et Oriel. On table: Cleveland ribbed **glass vase**, \$29.95, from French Knot. ■



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