

DARK GARDEN

These hues of midnight blue, charcoal and deep teal take colour to a new level. And vibrant floral patterns on a dark background bring the colours alive. The trick is to contrast these elements with something light, whether that's crisp white bedlinen, a cool marble work surface or a chalk-white painted wall

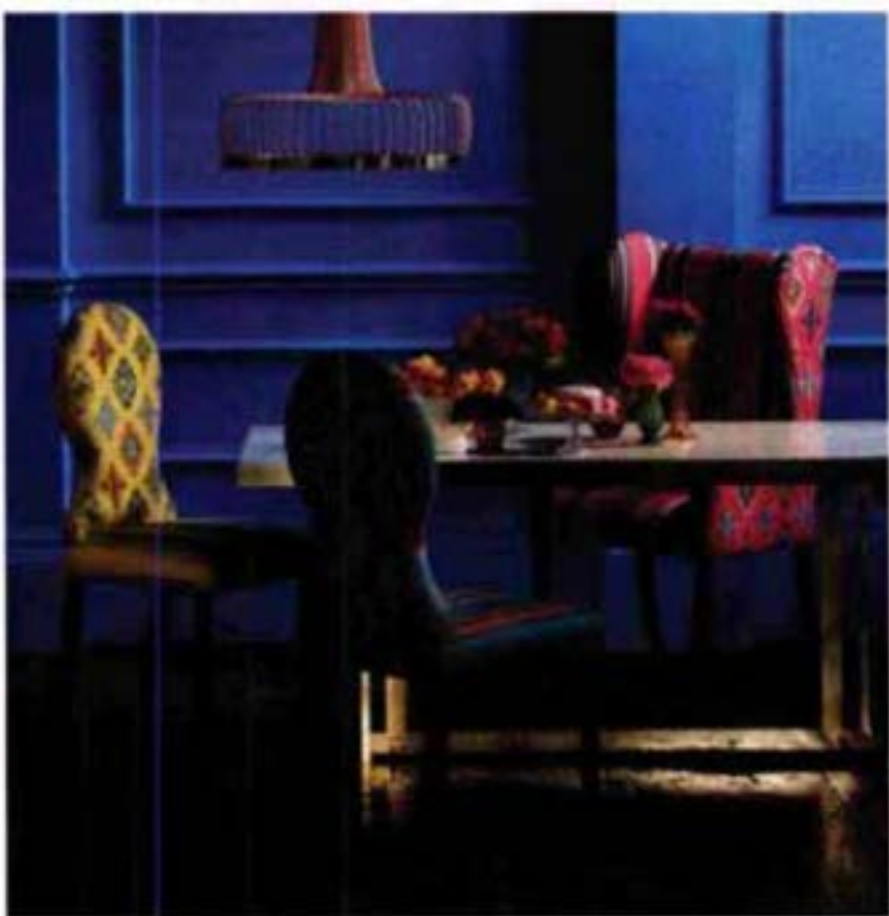


BRIGHT CONTRAST

Contrast adds interest and texture to banistered walls by putting up paneling. This will create areas of light and shade, which makes the colour look three-dimensional. Go for a good scheme by choosing upholstery in a bright shade, a couple of contrasting cushions in a bright coral. Also two-seater sofa in Marine brushed linen cotton, £1,580, sofa.com

NIGHT VISION

This paper floral wallpaper is making a splash. A black background gives this pretty meadow design a contemporary edge, perfect for creating a fresh twist on the modern country theme. Paper one roll, covering the wall of the room in painted tongue-and-groove paneling and beam with aged black furniture and natural floorboards, Tatiara wallpaper, £148 a roll, Kim Parker for Clarke & Clarke



Cover up ● Re-cover your dining chairs to give them a facelift. Go all-out with clashing colours, such as these intricately woven fabrics from the Anatolia collection, £46 a metre. Clarke & Clarke ● Match them with a vibrant backdrop, painting the skirting, dados and wall panels a solid wall of blue. For a similar, try Jazz Café Blue, £35.50 for 2.5L. Fired Earth ● Mix and match chair styles with a gold table for an eclectic look