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TIP: BALANCE AND PROPORTION. “One thing can’t take over the room. The pattern can be the focal point, but it can’t take over and be the only thing you see in the room.”
— Nichola Francesca DePass

ABOVE: In this office reimagined by Lori Morris, the wood floor’s multicolored green palette is a complementary backdrop, while the geometrical Art Deco-inspired pattern creates interest and adds to the room’s personality.

RIGHT: Of this living room, Nichola Francesca DePass says, “Patterns should interact like a team passing the baton, each element carrying the story forward without fighting for attention.”



TIP: DON’T BE TIMID. “If you hesitate, it shows. Patterns and textures require confidence. Commit to the choices, and they’ll carry the room.”
— Nichola Francesca DePass

We’re Seeing a Pattern Here

Talented design pros share insider tips for working with patterns and designs, helping your home feel vibrant yet balanced.

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Plain and predictable? Not anymore. In the hands of talented designers and their enthusiastic clients, homes are breaking free with bold patterns, lively prints and a fearless mix that makes every space feel like a personal statement of style.

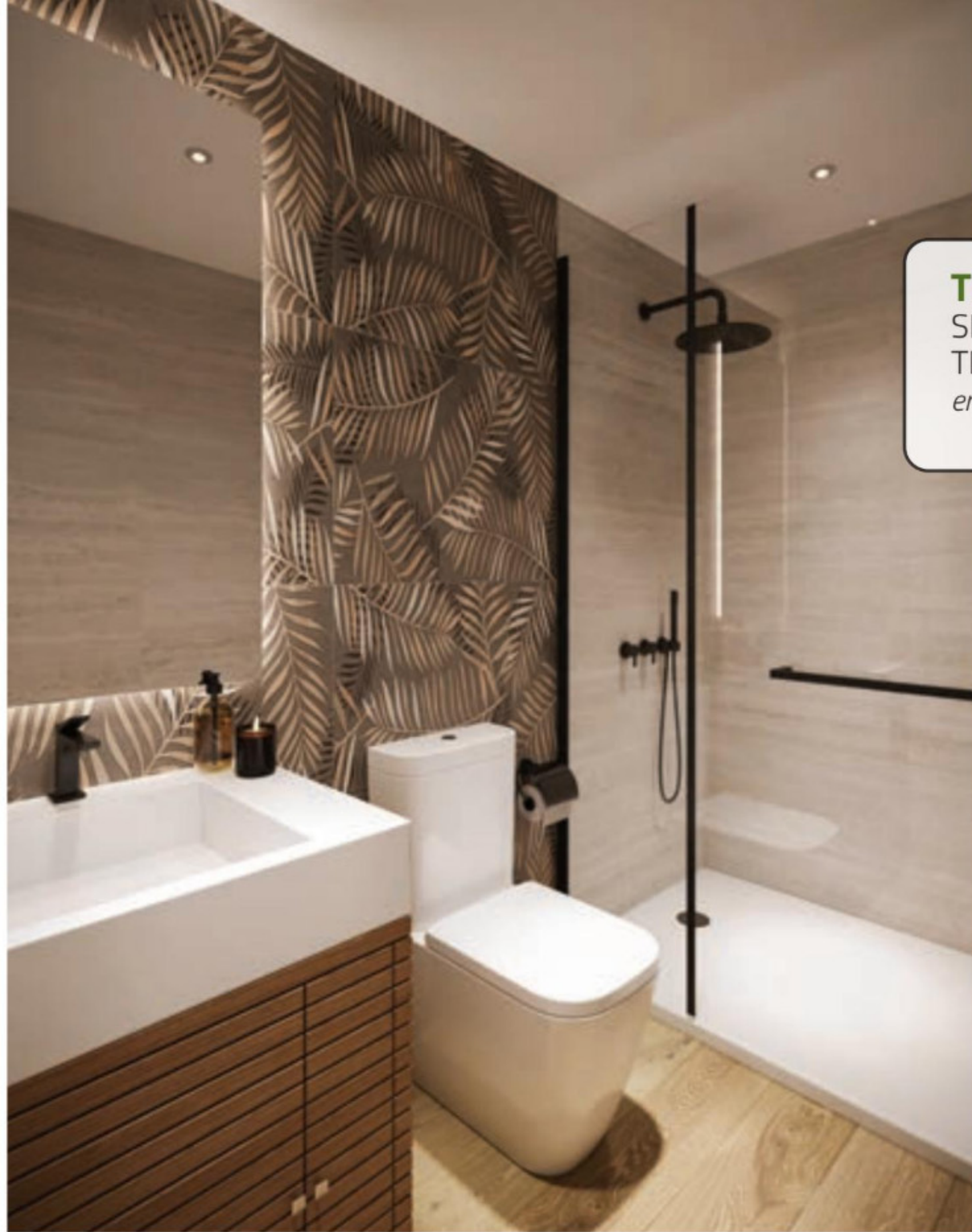
A SPECTRUM OF PATTERN

Designer **Lori Morris** aimed to reflect her client’s fabulously stylish personality in the elegant lounge she designed for his Boca Raton vacation home. Morris transformed his office—a prime space off the foyer—into a sexy, romantic room perfect for evening cocktails paired with piano tunes. She balanced deep jewel tones with black lacquer cabinetry and used the archway’s detailed moldings to add timeless architectural detail and dimension.

However, patterns don’t always need to be big and brash; they can also be soft and subtle, like in designer **Nichola Francesca DePass’s** chic living room. “Pattern doesn’t have to shout to make an impact—it just has to flow.” She achieved this by choosing

a marble for the feature wall. It appears soft at first glance, but it is actually bold in both presence and placement, running horizontally to contrast with the vertically fluted fireplace. “That intentional tension between horizontal and vertical lines adds dimension and movement to the room,” she explains. “It draws your eye in, then lets you breathe.” DePass believes in being bold, not busy. “Boldness doesn’t mean chaos. Patterns can have an impact even in subtle applications if they’re used thoughtfully.”

This was the case when designer **Jackie Armour’s** client fell in love with Gucci wallpaper featuring a crane (see lead photo); Armour made it a focal point in the Palm Beach Gardens home. “I’ve never met a pattern or color I didn’t like. It’s always fun to take a small space and do something really dynamic and create a wow factor,” she says. The stunning heron-and-dragonfly design serves as a striking work of art that requires little else, prompting Armour to complement it subtly with a custom vanity.



TIP: CONSIDER LIGHTING WHEN SELECTING A BATHROOM PATTERN. *"Test in the bathroom light to ensure the right ambiance."*
- Ritzy Christensen of Bô Casa

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Patterns in bathrooms can also add depth and interest, whether they envelop the entire space or appear in select areas. This powder bath, designed by **Ritzy Christensen of Bô Casa**, feels calm and soft; yet the leaf-patterned wall delivers visual interest with an exotic touch. To create that peaceful-yet-impactful vibe, Christensen chose soft beiges, warm whites and muted browns to complement the stunning Italian leaf porcelain tiles, a premium choice over wallpaper or paint.

On the other end of the pattern spectrum, **Morris's** powder bath bursts with endless flower power. The designer chose a textured, pleated floral wallcovering in an abstract floral motif to complement the custom mosaic floor. She finished the romantic color palette with the custom green-and-pink vanity to create a "delicious ice cream cone of a bathroom" that instantly puts a smile on your face.

CUSTOM WALLS

To create the impression of a spacious dining room, designer **Gil Walsh** selected a large-pattern mural for this home. Her clients enjoy entertaining, so this space was a key part of the house and needed an artistic focal point that adds character and depth. The walls are also curved, which made wallpapering and placing an area rug challenging. Instead, Walsh chose this hand-painted mural by Bob Christian to bring warmth and visual interest.

TIP: THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO STEP OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE. *"Use a powder bath to try a bold color and pattern."*

- Lori Morris



JERRY RABINOWITZ

ABOVE: To successfully create interest in a space, designer Gil Walsh mixes patterns with geometric designs, incorporates textured fabrics and uses decorative trims.

TOP LEFT: Lori Morris believes there's a misconception about pink. For her, it's not childish or girly, but a neutral color she enjoys using in a variety of spaces.

BOTTOM LEFT: "Highlight a bold pattern to create a visual anchor without overwhelming the space," says Ritzy Christensen.

TIP: DON'T FORGET TO LET YOUR TABLE SETTING PLAY A ROLE. *"Placemats, napkins and dishware are great opportunities to introduce patterns in a way that's easily changeable."*

- Gil Walsh