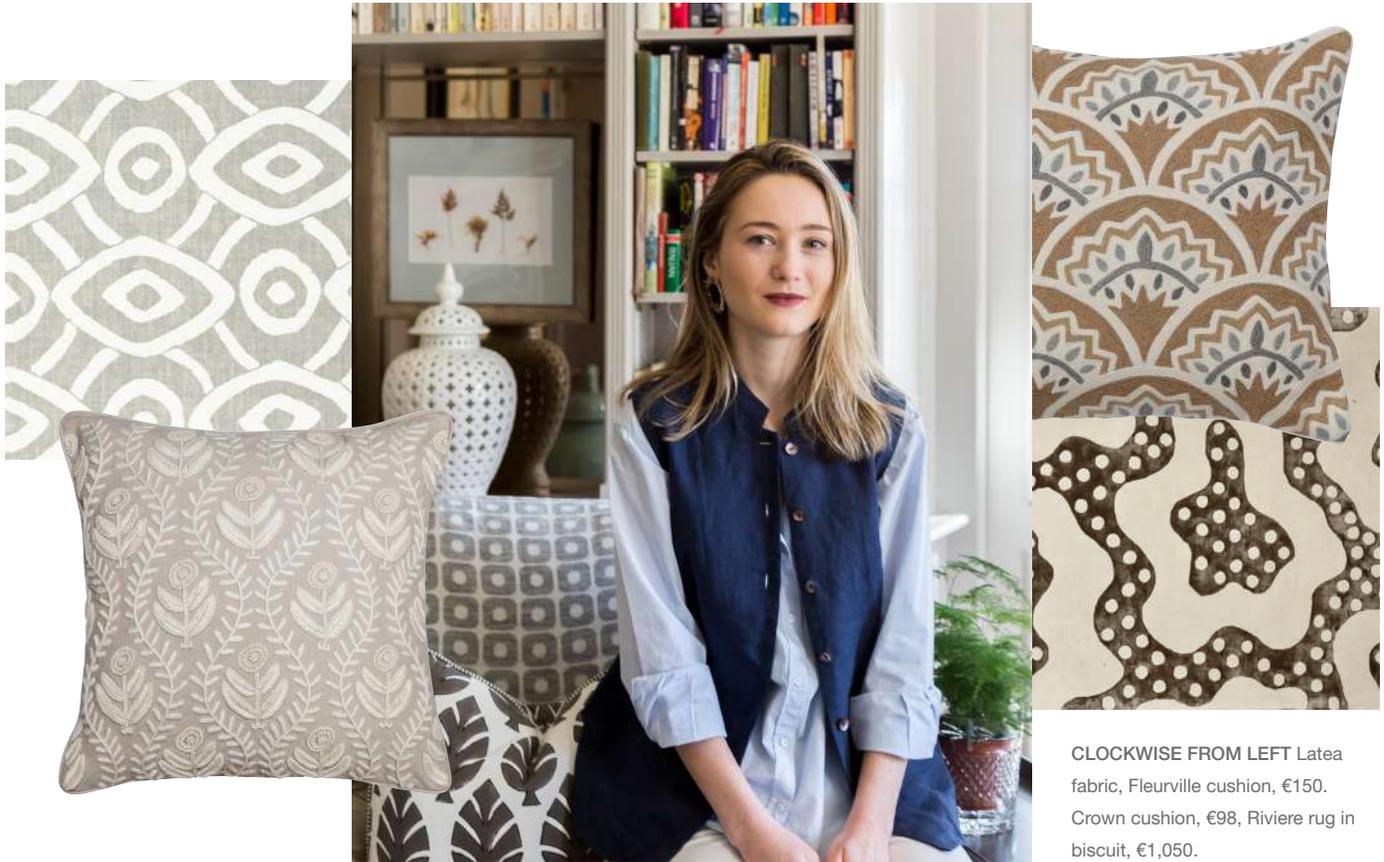


PATTERN PLAY

Introducing vibrant colours and patterns can seem daunting, but take it step by step and follow these simple rules, says **Rebecca Roe**.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT Latea fabric, Fleurville cushion, €150. Crown cushion, €98, Riviere rug in biscuit, €1,050.

Rebecca Roe is one half of the mother-daughter team at Hedgeroe, an interior design studio and shop in Carrickmines known for their striking palettes and intricate use of print and pattern. Here, she gives us her guide to introducing colour and pattern into your home.

CONSIDER LIGHT. Natural light, bulb wattage and low-slung lighting all have an effect on paint pigment, pulling out lilac and green tones. Do lots of samples, and mix in white paint if you'd prefer it shade lighter.

START SMALL AND BUILD. Rugs are a wonderful way of adding pattern without having to commit to painting a wall or reupholstering a chair. Our Rhoscolyn rug comes in three colours and it's perfect for adding instant impact. Once you're happy with the selection, you can introduce to bigger items like fabrics and paint.

DON'T NEGLECT THE NEUTRALS.

Neutral tones tie everything together. A palette of blues, greens and greys need an undertone of white to bind them and light hues can calm bright colours. I really like Benjamin Moore's range of soft, warm-looking whites from MRCB, like Willow Creek, Wish, and Barren Plain.

SMALL AND DARK GO HAND-IN-HAND.

If you have a small space like a library or snug, dark colours can work very well. I tend to use wallpaper if I'm going very dark, a silk or fabric looks so rich, like Kavet's luxurious teal wallpaper.

DON'T FORGET CEILINGS, DOORS AND CORNICING.

To really consolidate your colours or pattern, paint the ceiling, doors and cornicing a deeper shade than the wall, this will help unite the palette and will make the room appear larger.

ADD WITH ACCESSORIES OR PAINT, NEVER BOTH. Colour and pattern are an

expression of your personality and this will naturally change over time. If you're going for a bright wall colour or attention-seeking wallpaper, then group your accessories. In a busy scheme, I take a hero piece like a painting or furniture and give it position of prominence, this gives a focal point and stops a busy room from feeling fractured.

GEOMETRIC PATTERN IS A GREAT STARTING POINT.

Repetitive prints are a great way to introduce pattern without feeling like it's dominating the space.

Abstract fabrics like Latea and Vignatella from William Yeoward are dramatic but do not overwhelm a space.

DO A COCO ON IT. Furnish and accessorise a room and then edit. Take away things that feel out of place – it's all about balance. Then build up texture by adding art, cushions, and lampshades. In the words of Coco Chanel, "an interior is a natural projection of the soul".

SUMMER CERAMICS

Give your everyday dining a shake-up with tableware in sea blues, grass greens and sunset pinks.



Blue Hues

Brighten up breakfast with these beautiful patterned bowls from Hedgeroe, €45 for a set of four.

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Easy Elegance

Combining clean lines with subtle shades, this porcelain jug from Søstrene Grene comes in a gentle sage green, €13.94.

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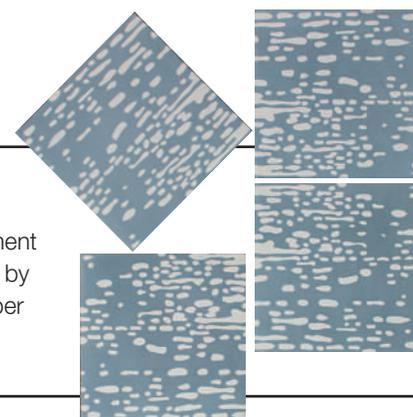
Add some geometric punch to your table with the top-heavy design and contrasting colours of the Fumario vase, €47.

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LAZY DAYS Whether you're lounging in the sun or relaxing with a book, Monsoon's textiles range is brimming with colourful embroidery, beading and tassels. A highlight is the intricate embellishment and sassy trim of the Raffia cushion (top), around €52. monsoon.co.uk

PATTERN PARADE The designs of textile company Eskayel are now available on Clé handmade cement tiles. Choose from eight of the brand's designs, all inspired by forms found in nature, as well as global travel. Around €7 per tile. cletile.com



CLEVER COT Eagle-eyed readers may spot our Jan/Feb cover star Breac House in the images below of the Hugg crib. Crafted from organic European FSC certified wood, with a bamboo mattress and Irish linen cover, each one is made to order in Donegal. A removable side panel means it allows bedside sleeping or can be used as a conventional crib and, even better, its life doesn't have to end once your baby grows up. Without the bedding, it becomes a mid-century style desk or bench for the most discerning of children, making it an investment piece to enjoy for years to come, €400. bababou.com

