

HOUSE CALL

Punchy prints, vintage-style lighting, metal tones – and we still can't get enough of 'hotel chic'. *Exeter Living* asked ten local experts to share their favourite current trends

1: BOLD PRINTS

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The trend I really love this year is the use of big, bold prints: animals, floral, tribal and strong geometric prints. They will inject as much drama to a scheme as you wish, from wall coverings and soft furnishings to accessories.

To give your room an instant update, use bold pattern prints in your cushions to lift sofas or introduce a fabulous geometric print with a rug. If you're looking for a more permanent feature using this trend there's a huge variety of these prints in fabrics and wall coverings. Large prints in neutral colour-ways will make a subtle statement and stand the test of time.

Depending on what you're looking to achieve, whether it's an update for the summer or a whole new revamp, big bold prints can add a wonderful new feel to your interior.

These prints can have a huge impact and add personality to your design.

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2: VINTAGE-STYLE LIGHTING

David Amos, Amos Lighting

The trend for vintage continues in decorative lighting, with the increasing popularity of fittings that hark back to a classic approach whilst displaying simple lines. A good example is the simple "box" style of pendant.

The combination of generous proportions, weathered bronze frame and crystal clear glass gives a contemporary look to an old style of fitting – and the extra ingredient adding some magic is the special antique filament bulb. This design feature not only reinforces the aged style of the product, but also, the colour of the light provided by this vintage-style bulb creates a soft, warm, almost candle-like glow.

This style of light works best when placed low over a dining table or extended kitchen island. The unfussy lines mean that even a slightly oversized fitting works well because it doesn't impose too heavily on the space.

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