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ABOVE 'Cavendish' from Brockway Carpets is available in three colours and six soft muted stripes, including 'Elmwood' (from £35 per sq m)

5 SEEK OUT THE SUBTLE Pattern has a definitive role to play in even the most sober of settings. 'Any design scheme should start from the floor up, so pared-back patterns can be used to guide the rest of the scheme,' says Natalie Littlehales of Brintons. Don't always defer to plains, as subtle patterning is ideal for a more eclectic, mix-and-match aesthetic. Traditional carpet designs encompass all manner of faded florals, birds, butterflies and oriental motifs. While these are most prevalent in bedrooms or living area, such designs readily translate to tiles, with the current plethora of small repeating patterns offering soft vintage styling. Alternatively, stylised botanicals, muted stripes, plaids and even geometrics offer a fresher approach and work in all areas. Anjana Sethia of Flock Living suggests textured carpet as 'an excellent way of introducing pattern, without the need for colour'



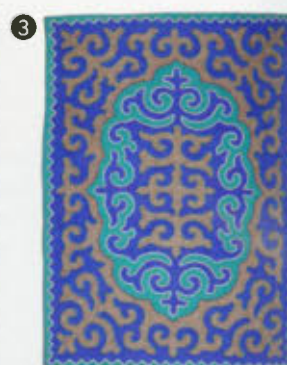
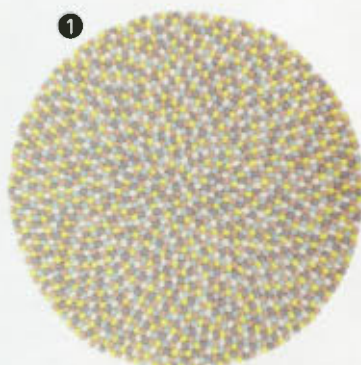
Bring textural patterning to plain colours with structured finishes such as Flock-Living's 'Portland' 100% wool carpet (£108 per sq m)



When coordinating decor, picking up colour accents from a carpet is a tried and tested formula. This combination of Crucial Trading's boldly striped 100% wool 'Mississippi' carpet (£67 per sq m), teamed with equally bold walls, is perhaps one for the more colour confident

SEVEN OF THE BEST Patterned rugs

A strategically placed rug can be the focus of a room's design scheme – plus it will feel warm and comfortable underfoot





6 MAKE A STATEMENT

Confidence in pattern is growing, with bold stripes and chevrons leading the way. 'Both are great for creating an illusion of space,' says Emma Hopkins of Crucial Trading. This season sees dramatic geometrics on all types of flooring, with Moroccan and Mediterranean patterns key for tiles. Many designs have roots in the past and work surprisingly well in older homes, but look to room proportions and scale the pattern accordingly. It pays to adhere to the same colour palette throughout, so as to ensure cohesion. Opting for neutral walls will allow patterns to stand out and bolder accents to inject drama.



- 1 Olli Ella 'Sunbeam' felt ball rug (dia 100cm), £249, Not On The High Street
- 2 'Artichoke' wool rug (170 x 240cm), from £688, Morris & Co
- 3 Handmade Shyrdak felt rug (160 x 230cm), £1,725, Felt 4
- 4 Cameo 'Nordic Blue' jacquard wool cotton chenille rug (60 x 90cm), from £64.64, Urbane Living
- 5 c1960s Eshme kilim (299 x 166cm), £950, The Rug Company
- 6 Brink & Campman 'Xian Elements' acrylic rug (240 x 170cm), from £419, Frith Rugs
- 7 'Tangler' bamboo silk rug (170 x 120cm), from £125, Luku Home

PERIOD SETTINGS

Ideas on floor coverings for antique and vintage styled rooms



MID-CENTURY SNUG

'Designer Dee Hardwick's "Lattice" (£42.95 per sq m) is one of Harvey Maria's latest luxury vinyl tiles. It harks back to intricate patterns popular in the 1940s. Inspired by scattered petals, the tiles are coloured in the organic red, blue and green of mid-century modern style, says Alice Dunbar, design consultant at Harvey Maria. Mid-century sewing box in teak veneer, £40, Raspberry Mash



GEORGIAN MORNING ROOM

'Inspired by grand Georgian houses and their patterned marble floors, our "Elite" modular mosaic marble (£392 per sq m) is produced using a hydrojet cutting technique. It's ideal for covering expansive surfaces with impressive yet understated elegance, says Paola Ciarmatori Tanini, art director at Devon & Devon. Irish mahogany breakfast table, c1830, £2,900, Thakeham Furniture



ART NOUVEAU STUDY

"Comillas" (£49.99 per sq m) is the latest in our emblematic 1900 collection of floor tiles. Inspired by early 19th-century nouveau, modernism, and Arts and Crafts trends, its pattern is influenced by organic shapes and symmetry, summing up the originality of this era, says Andrew Chappell from Vives Ceramica. Josef Hoffmann Secessionist desk and chair, £5,789, 1st Dibs



DECO DINING ROOM

'The geometric design of this bespoke veln-cut floor (£950 per sq m) was inspired by the deco style of the 1920s and 30s. Contrasting three naturally occurring travertine colours, titanium, parchment and silver, it is a natural partner to the chrome or mirrored furniture from that era, says Jason Cherrington, the founder of Lapidica. French art deco console table, £3,116, 1st Dibs



VICTORIAN RECEPTION

'Our "Lattice" encaustic tiles (£3.60 per tile) were designed with antique Chinese furniture in mind, which was at the height of its popularity in the 19th century. Its dark wood and elaborate joinery complement the exotic colours and distinctive pattern of the tiles, says Hamish Smith, creative director at Artisans of Devides. Shanxi elm storage coffer, c1870, £1,495, Shimu



GOTHIC REVIVAL HALLWAY

'Our "Gladstone" four-tile set (£42.95 per sq m) is typical of the neo-gothic style, popular in the Victorian era. It recalls simple heraldic and medieval forms. The fleur-de-lis shape dates back many centuries and was traditionally associated with royalty, says designer Scott Robson of Original Style. 19th-century gothic hall chair, £325, Prior & Willis Antiques

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