



# GARDEN PARTY

Floral prints are a budding trend—roll out a blooming rug or brighten your space with a vibrant pillow of posies.



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## ACCENT MARKS

Even in small doses, flowery pieces take center stage. “Accessories get my vote because they’re not overpowering and you can swap them whenever you want,” says Lindsay Hair, creative director of Linden Blue eDesign. Change a plain table lamp’s look by pairing it with a striking bud-covered shade. Or play off just about any color scheme with a vibrant, kaleidoscopic flower chair or pillow.

Floral Drum Lamp Shade in Orange, [lampsplus.com](http://lampsplus.com), \$40. Sarah Campbell Reversible Spring Flowers Pillow Cover, [westelm.com](http://westelm.com), \$44. Fiore Floral Accent Chair, [interiorexpress.com](http://interiorexpress.com), \$139. Opaline Floral Wastebasket, [kohls.com](http://kohls.com), \$50.



*Opposite*

## GROUND COVER

Give your room an instant shot of oomph with a blossom-strewn carpet. “Go bold on the floor—think of your rug as the biggest piece of artwork in a room,” says Pamela Butler Channel, owner of Nest home store in Wisconsin. She recommends darker wools for their durability and knack for hiding dirt. “The more complex and colorful the pattern, the more forgiving it’ll be on spills and stains.”

From left: Stella Pink Bathroom Rug, [bedbathandbeyond.com](http://bedbathandbeyond.com), \$25. Pretty Promise in Lime, [flor.com](http://flor.com), \$14/carpet tile. Hot House Winter Wool Micro Hooked Rug, [dashandalbert.com](http://dashandalbert.com), from \$70.



**TIP** Make a statement in small areas like powder rooms, foyers or inside closets with a wild wallpaper.

 **HANG TIME**

Floral wallpaper's on a comeback now with patterns that are anything but tired and dated. "Choosing modern, unexpected colors and blowing up the scale will make it feel less 'grandma's powder room,'" says Jody Peters of Connecticut-based Design Serendipity Interiors. We love this oversized flowering vine motif in white and sky blue.

## 🌸 SLEEPING BEAUTY

Nothing says sweet dreams like an upholstered headboard in a botanical print. “Blossoms have a soft feel that’s perfect for an intimate space like the bedroom,” says New York designer Austin Varner of Varner Interior Design. Skip small buds, which can get lost on large furniture.



**TIP** A leafy design in a pared-down palette sets a restful tone.

## 🌸 BRIGHT IDEA

A peony—or any flora of your choice—can inspire a room’s color story. “Flowers excite the senses and brighten a space so they can easily drive a palette,” says Sonu Mathew, a senior interior designer at Benjamin Moore who created the combo at right. Download Benjamin Moore’s Color Capture app for your smartphone or iPad, snap something from the garden, and find instant shade matches.



Newborn baby 002



Soft glow 014



Georgia on my mind 134



Yellow clover 375



Fuchsine 1343



Salamander 2050-10

## TABLE TALK

Pep up a dinner party with a few dishes sporting a fresh bouquet or Liberty of London–inspired placemats. “Forget matchy-matchy,” says Design Serendipity Interiors’ Shannon Manchester. “If you’ve inherited floral china, solid chargers or linens will keep things from looking too busy.” With everyday dinnerware, bring in a punchy wildflower tablecloth, runner or napkin set.

Sarah Campbell Floral Blooms Placemat Set, [westelm.com](http://westelm.com), \$14/set of 2. Flower Market Enamel Tumbler, [mackenzie-childs.com](http://mackenzie-childs.com), \$38. Threshold Roped Cereal Bowl and Roped Dinner Plate with Hand Painted Floral Decal, Target stores, \$2.50 or \$3 each. Paper Flowers in Spring Garden, [westelm.com](http://westelm.com), \$48/set of 6. Sarah Campbell Large Decoupage Tray in Spring Garden, [westelm.com](http://westelm.com), \$12.



## PICTURE PERFECT

Elevate seeds and stems to high art by framing flea market illustrations or plant diagrams from old textbooks. “These prints are casual, welcoming and work with any style decor,” says Pamela Butler Channel. Take the spot over your sofa from bare to brilliant with a trio united by background color and frame.



**DIY** “Photograph your favorite flower and print it in a larger-than-life size,” says Julia Buckingham Edelmann, owner of Chicago’s Buckingham Interiors + Design.

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