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Pile on the pattern

"Cottagecore blends vintage-inspired charm with joyful self-expression. It's all about creating a personal, lived-in, and whimsical space. Start by layering tactile textures and heritage-inspired prints – ditsy florals, crochet trims, and scalloped edges. Furniture should feel familiar and inviting," says Shelley Cochrane, accessories buyer at Furniture Village. She also recommends warm colours, such as butter yellows and leafy greens, and pattern-on-pattern pairings, like gingham with chintz or checks with toile. "Finish with treasured trinkets and vintage books." *Sleep Story Lance ottoman king-size bed frame in Plush Corn, £1199, Stratford lamp table, £219, and Jolena table lamp, £99, all Furniture Village.*



Embrace the dark side

This bedroom forms part of a full townhouse renovation, where a cocooning atmosphere was introduced across the lower floors, contrasting with the bright openness of the upper levels and roof terrace. "Sitting between these two zones, the master bedroom was designed to reflect both moods," says Caroline Milns, head of interior design at Zulufish. The brief was to create an indulgent and restful environment, with a rich palette of deep browns and warm golds. Tactile elements, including a dark timber headboard, plaster-like mural, and plush furnishings, infuse the space with quiet luxury and a touch of drama, while the floating bed maintains a clean, elevated aesthetic. *Photography Ben Anders*

"When planning your bathroom, consider zoning the area around the bath to create a distinct sense of retreat," says Caroline Milns, head of interior design at Zulufish. "Envelop the space in elements that feel cocooning, such as soft, layered lighting, perfectly positioned at each end of the bath to introduce a sense of drama and elevation. This approach evokes the sensation of stepping into a private sanctuary. Take it a step further by wrapping one end of the room in a deeper, evocative shade to create intimacy and visual depth."

Paint tricks

Perhaps the simplest yet equally transformative way to zone an area, paint works beautifully to help visually divide a space. It's ideal for smaller bathrooms, when you may not have room for a partition wall or the same flexibility when it comes to positioning fittings. Paint a whole wall or just part of a wall in a different colour and it will immediately help your space to stand out. "Zoning a bathroom with paint is a clever way to define areas without the need for structural change," comments Bailey Williams, colour expert at Earthborn. "By using contrasting colours or finishes, you can subtly separate the vanity area from the shower or bath zone, making the space feel more organised and intentional. Lighter tones are ideal for areas where you want to maximise brightness, while deeper, richer hues can be used to create a feature wall or add intimacy around a bath. Another effective trick is painting the bottom half of the wall in a darker shade behind the sink – this not only gives the illusion of more space but also creates a natural frame and a striking focal point."

Tile zones

One of the most versatile, and dare I say, fun ways to zone your bathroom is using tiles. Whether you choose different patterns, colours, scale, or even the layout of your tiles to define an area, you can really bring each zone to life and help to give it its own identity.

Grazzie Wilson, head of creative at Ca' Pietra, says: "Around a freestanding bath, laying a framed border on the floor or introducing a vertical stripe behind the tub immediately anchors it as the feature of the room. The bath feels set apart, yet the tile links it back into the wider design. The same principle can be applied across the whole bathroom. A shower zone might use smaller-format tiles or mosaics to create a cocooning feel, while a vanity can be given presence by switching to a contrasting tone or a different laying pattern, such as herringbone. Even subtle shifts in grout colour can mark a transition from one area to the next."

Different floors

Having a change in your flooring materials is an easy way to separate the zones. "Textures can really help to define different areas in your bathroom," says Paul Sewell, managing director at Lifestyle Floors. "You could choose a textured, stone-effect luxury vinyl tile in one zone of the bathroom, then pair it with a smooth, wood-look tile in the rest of the room, for example. This textural difference makes each area feel distinct."

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