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Wonderful wallpaper

Wallpapering an entire room can be a costly and labour-intensive task to undertake but there are ways to use this beautiful and transformative medium in more minor ways. A striking paper used in an alcove will lend that area its own identity – perhaps as a nook for a home office or a seating area in a hallway. Adding a pretty pattern within panelling on walls creates impact without covering the whole room, as does papering above a dado rail. In a child's room where tastes can change quickly, using wallpaper on the top half of a wall or on one wall will add character and can be easily updated if need be.

RIGHT Wallpaper, Gustav, Trophy, £95 a roll; frame, Grey Moss, £72 for 2.5l Intelligent Eggshell; walls, Linen Wash, £52 for 2.5l Absolute Matt Emulsion, all Little Greene

FAR RIGHT Wallpaper, Lavenham, Rose, £95 a roll; cushions in a selection of fabrics, from £65 a metre; woodwork, Fournier Street, £70 for 2.5l Eggshell, all Warner House



Finishing touch

Sometimes it can be one small element that can make a huge difference. For example, passementerie adds flair and can give upholstery and window treatments a strikingly different appearance. A wide border on the leading edge of plain curtains will instantly rejuvenate them and give a polished finish. Allow creativity to flow and add a trim to a footstool or an armchair if complete reupholstery is not on the agenda. Cushions can be refreshed with beading, fringes and braids. And it is not just soft furnishings that can benefit. Adding borders to walls can instantly enliven them and provide a tailored finish, from running around the top of the room to following woodwork along the skirting and around door and window frames. ■

LEFT Mirador Braid, Tomato/Aqua, £66 a metre, and all other fabrics, Colefax and Fowler
RIGHT Border, Edith, Yellow (shown as a double application), £64 a roll, Susie Atkinson

