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**LIVING ROOM  
IDEAS**



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# Give your room global style

Create a living-dining area with an international influence using an array of bold patterns

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## MAKE IT WORK

**IDEA** Soften a contrasting scheme with similar patterns and a hint of color, such as iridescent yellow. Here, shades of red, green, orange and blues array of them fill the work area.

**IDEA** Make a dark wood table and chairs stand out by propping them across a set of patterned ottomans.

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**IDEA** Turn a sideboard into a focal point by placing it against a dramatic wall in the center of a wall. Hang three variations of one of the same color and use displaying vases, bread and oil or accessories in room's color.



**TOP & NATURAL LIGHT**

From top: June Barch's flooring in Redwood, \$29.95 per sq. ft.; Alternative Flooring, White-tinged version, \$25.50 for 2.1 sq. ft. The 11th Street Field Company. For similar gray fabric, by Harcourt.

## Buy the look

		
Rattan rug \$189	Stoneware Casserole Dish in Forest Green, \$229	Coral glass vase \$45.95
	in Forest Green, \$229	in Forest Green, \$229



**IDEA** Amp up your scheme by mixing contrast and color, such as green and blue.

**IDEA** Use a rug with contrasting zigzags to make your room feel longer or wider.

# Add a smart nautical touch

Mix blue and white stripes with wicker baskets, warm brass and distressed leather for a shipshape space

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**TIP** Hang vertically striped Roman blinds to accentuate the height of the ceiling and contrast with the plain white walls and wainscot. Choose a fabric in muted blues and neutrals for a look that's more nautical than deckchair.

**TIP** Add a statement floor lamp in the corner for targeted lighting. With its brass tripod base, it is 30 inches tall, comes like a telescopic tower; it put out a sea-side-style glow. A smart design choice is a classic finishing touch.

**TIP** Put together a personalized, themed display by choosing prints, writings and photos in a collection of nautical-themed colors. Use instead of wallpaper to create a maritime wall above a chest of drawers or fireplace.



**NAUTICAL STRIPES**  
 From top: Clair £120, £20.60 per m; 54 in. Alternative Flooring; Carubel Union, £77.50 per m; Empire Linton, £21.50 per m; Ian Minkin, Chalk White, £15.99 per 2.5m; Craig & Rose Norfolk Strips, £15.50 per m; Ian Minkin



£25

Home Stripe Blue cushion, see [www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com)



£1,050

Burlington wicker chair, Laura Ashley

£70

Tripod lamp base, John Lewis



**IDEA** Distressed leather has a comforting appearance that just gets better with age

**IDEA** Shallow open-topped baskets are perfect for keeping odds and ends in one place