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**Melissa Kirkpatrick**, designer of the new MK Collection, says...

**DO** use graphic prints with bold colors to create a dramatic statement. If many colors are occupying your space, use prints sparingly. (For example, as an accent on one chair or as pillows on a sofa.) However, if a restricted color palette is in place, the bold pattern can be used repeatedly throughout the room. This technique works particularly well if there is plenty of white to offset the pattern. Think a black-and-white pattern on everything.

**DON'T** ever be afraid to do what feels right to you. Listen to your instinct as it calls out the color you want. If you are afraid to use the fabric in a large way, like on a sofa or in window treatments, then introduce it into the room in a small way that makes a statement. Sometimes that old vintage chair covered in the fabulous new fresh print all by its lonesome in a neutral room will be the one thing that says the most about your personality in the entire setting.

**DO** mix patterns with the same tones. Three seemingly different patterns, like a large silk damask with an ombre stripe, a medium-cut velvet floral and a mini check dobbie, will tell a lovely story as long as they arrive in the same tones. By adding this luxurious interest to your room through the layering, you will have successfully introduced pattern and texture in a sophisticated manner that feels effortless.

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