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What's not to love about this joyful selection of bright and pretty prints and pattern? As Hilda is keen to point out, dark flooring is winning out over paler shades, adding a deep warmth to the vibrant colours. Fabrics are all from the Surbaya collection by Voyage. For your nearest stockist call Furnishing Distributors, Tel: 01 276 5811



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JAZZ IT UP



Add some pizzazz to your home with an individual approach to style. Interior designer Hilda O'Connor advises on a colour scheme that combines colours and trends to create a comfortable look that's as homely as it is gorgeous.



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"The big trend for 2008 is to create a real haven of style, glamour and comfort by using an eclectic mix of pieces. It's all about your own look and combining pieces with style. Take inspiration from the latest textiles, nature, fashion and design. This year's theme is about understated elegance with the playful use of romance and dramatic ideas.

Trends from fashion are being translated in the use of bright colours, with a strong clean finished look and using warmer tones such as turquoise and amethyst. Black and white is also huge this year while mixing Baroque with retro graphics for a stunning stylish look. The trend is big and bold in design.

Coloured walls are hot while yellow and green are 'in' colours.

Stripes, polka dots and modern graphics are used with nostalgic prints to create a luxurious and fun environment. Hand painted wallpaper is also a strong new trend, which gives a moody and sophisticated look with purple and grey.

In wooden flooring dark floors are hot and light tones are not. Combine your timber floor with a faux fur rug for a softer look. Another must have this year is bespoke furniture, to give your design your true individual style." *Hilda O'Connor Interiors, 3 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin. Tel: 01 210 8410. Web: www.hocinteriors.com*

