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20 Modern Wallpaper Ideas From Interior Designers to Copy ASAP

Be bold and show those walls some love.



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Modern wallpaper may sound like an oxymoron if you associate wallcoverings with that outdated, stuffy, impossible-to-remove chintz from your great grandmother's house. But wallpaper, and perhaps the design industry in general, is simultaneously loosening up and embracing nostalgia. Translation: Modern wallpaper is trending (maybe it never even went away), and we're here for it. As Manhattan designer and wallpaper extraordinaire Danielle Colding tells House Beautiful, "everything that's old is new again," and "there are no rules anymore." Learn how to freshen up any old wallpaper with some clever styling tips and get inspired by gorgeous rooms that revolve around modern wallpaper with the twenty examples below.

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Pick a Repeating Motif

Paired with traditional cotton bedding and an ultra-modern silver mushroom lamp, this trippy kaleidoscopic wallpaper in a <u>Studio DB</u>-designed bedroom is a stunning and innovative backdrop. The wallpaper, <u>Nimbo</u> in Noctilucent by Flat Vernacular, was inspired by something as eternal as clouds moving across the sky, yet it feels decidedly modern.

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Try the Tonal Trend

Two words: Tonal perfection. How could you not want to crawl right into this fluffy pink cloud dream of a bed? The abstract rose quartz wallpaper by Flat Vernacular sets the scene for a heavenly atmosphere, dancing and interacting with the light. And while it isn't necessarily that rigid, austere beauty of modern interiors, the tonal approach is definitely on-trend. We also love the Art Deco-inspired bed frame for a retro accent.

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