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Learn Your Lines

Among the hardest-working patterns in the designer's arsenal, stripes are both a directive arrow ("Look here! No, look there!") and an injection of peppy confidence. Here are five ways to employ them for maximum impact.



True Prep

Gary McBourne used vertically striped canopies to emphasize 17-foot ceilings. From top: Basque in Blue. By Dana Gibson for Crypton Home. stroheim.com. Andover Cotton Stripe in Indigo. scalamandre.com. French Stripe Pillow Cover. \$80 for 20" Sq. caltinwilson.com. Riviera Headboard. From \$589 for twin. serenandilly.com



Why Show Your Stripes?

1. They bring youthful energy to a space, adding a fresh and modern note to rooms with antiques or period furniture.
2. They play well with other patterns. For best results, align a stripe color with the ground color of a print and vary the scale—diminutive for one, overscale for the other.
3. They're versatile. In silk, stripes are lavish and flamboyant; in cotton, they're as informal as a beach towel.
4. They help focus busy spaces and create visual movement, leading the eye throughout a whole house. Don't be afraid to change directions, running them vertically (energizing) or horizontally (as calming as the horizon line).
5. They always look great—they really do. You can wind up with a fusty damask or a weird print, but it's very hard to mess up stripes.

Perfectly Imperfect

Faded and painterly stripes add visual interest without overpowering a Bridgehampton, New York, home designed by Ellen O'Neill. Right, from top: Ombrellone in Scarlet. cec-milano.com. Makassar in Red. By Oscar de la Renta. leejofa.com. Joplin 68-inch Love Seat in Blush Stripe. \$2,695. onekingstane.com



Tailor-Made

With the addition of striped trim on the daybed, Nick Olsen turned a spare room into a gentlemanly respite. (Your local tailor can apply ribbon or tape to a bedcover or tablecloth, too!) Clockwise from top: Preston Silk Striped Border in Pavilion. samuelandsons.com. Medicine Ball Ottoman in Color 3. \$953. leeinindustries.com. Walnut Stripe in Surf. stroheim.com. Belle Meade Stripe in Color 764. By Travers. zimmer-rohde.com



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Hi, Contrast

Eise de Wolf's tented ballroom inspired this fantasy. Left, from top: Derby Ticking in Black. thibautdesign.com. Dorothy Draper & Company Wallpaper in Black. johrosselli.com. Frederic in White. By Rose Cumming. dessinfourmir.com. Chair Finger-print Two Stripes Chair in Pure Black. By Bunakara. \$760. perigold.com



Attire: Formalwear

Alessandra Branca upholstered the walls in a narrow-striped linen that makes this already elegant space as polished as a Middleton. From left: Atelier Stripe in Pink. By Suzanne Kasler. leejofa.com. Trianon Stripe in Ruby. brunswick.com. Presidio Chair in Beige. By Mark D. Sikes for Henredon. \$2,175. markdsikes.com