

## Mix-and-Match Fabric Techniques

Using mix-and-match fabrics can create a high-end look within a space. Add personality and sophistication with a cohesive space that the eyes and mind view as one. Add visual interest and impact by mixing and matching various fabrics, patterns, styles and decor. Create a unique, one-of-a-kind designer look with these mix-and-match fabric techniques. Things to consider when designing a mix-and-match space:



### 1. Pattern

Odd numbers seem to make things work...three is the minimum number of patterns you should use.

### 2. Scale

Vary the scale from large to small. Scale meaning the size of the pattern (a large ikat vs. a small herringbone), as well as how much it is used in the room (floor-to-ceiling draperies vs. a decorative pillow).

### 3. Color / Intensity

Work in the same intensity level. It's hard to mix pastels with primary colors or muted shades with jewel tones. Stick to fabrics from the same hues, and they'll come together nicely.

### 4. Balance

Avoid putting all of your patterned pieces in the same area of the room. Spread them out throughout the space to provide a balanced, eye-pleasing look.

In the Rowley Veranda Living Roomscape, we used a total of 5 fabrics. These fabrics work because:

- They are in the same color family.
- There is a mix in scale of patterns.
- They are unified by the fresh citrus green fabric with subtle texture, which carries throughout multiple pieces in the room.



From our Living Roomscape, here's another example of mixing and matching fabrics.

**Tip:** Start by picking a fabric that has a larger pattern, with at least 3 colors. This will make it easier to pick the coordinating fabrics, pulling from colors in the original fabric.



Other **Do's and Don'ts** for fabric mixing and decorating:

- **DO** be careful when mixing pure whites with off-whites or creams, it can be tricky.
- **DO** embrace a printed wallpaper as a way to bring another pattern into the mix.
- **DO** pay attention to the details. Add pattern, texture and color with lamps, books, pillows, flowers and more.
- **DON'T** forget color undertones. Not all blue is blue. Pink can be warm or cool, and so on.
- **DON'T** be afraid to mix florals with geometric prints, there is beauty in the contrast and they often compliment each other well.
- **DON'T** think colors have to necessarily "match". They just have to "go".

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