



**Wallpaper:** New papers easier to put up and take down

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easier to put up and take down than people may remember.

A lot of customers come in hating wallpaper because they just spent three weeks scraping it down, Goodrow said. But pre-pasted papers and improved

glue make it a snap to both get paper on the wall and get it back down. That means homeowners can easily change wallpaper with their changing tastes.

"It's not as frightening. There's not as long of a commitment as when our grandparents put it up," Langdon said.

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Wallpaper is back as a trendy wall covering choice. Retro geometric designs from the 1970s are making a comeback, and papers with stripes, circles and squares in bright blues, greens and pinks are hot.

**Designers use wallpaper to jazz up rooms**

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Wallpaper is back. And it's not your mother's wallpaper, either.

Gone are the days of three patterns in one room, all tied together with a matching border. Today, designers are opting for neutral wallpapers rather than faux painting to set a spa-like scene, or using a splashy pattern on one wall as a sort of piece of art.

"When we think of wallpaper, we usually think of the old stuff with little tiny pink and purple flowers in great-grandma's powder room," said Libby Langdon, an interior designer for HGTV's "Small Space, Big Style," in a recent interview. "That's a tired, dated look."

While the biggest wallpaper trend is using spa colors — caramel, khaki, cream or pale aqua — that lend a calm feeling to a room, other designers are taking traditional patterns, such as toile and fleur de lis, and rethinking them with more modern colors. Wallpapers in caramel and robin's egg blue are hot sellers, Langdon said, as well as those in orange, from light apricot to earthy terra cotta.

Retro geometric designs from the 1970s are also making a comeback, said Julie Goodrow, owner of the Wallpaper Your World store in Snellville. Papers with stripes, circles and squares in bright pinks, greens and blues are hot.

Another '70s throwback that's gaining popularity is grasscloth, a natural wall covering similar to sea grass or sisal, Goodrow said.

"People like that natural look," she said.

Grasscloth is a great way to add texture to a room, Langdon said, and embossed and textured papers can mimic the feel of leather, plaster or other interesting textures.

A possible reason for wallpaper's return is it's much

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If you're scared of overwhelming a room with wallpaper, here are a few novel ideas on using it more frugally:



■ Choose a wallpaper with a bold, arty pattern, and paper just one wall as a cheaper alternative to wall art.



■ Use wallpaper above wainscoting or a chair rail and paint the lower half of the wall a solid color.

■ Use squares of wallpaper in just the center of raised paneled walls, or cover a folding screen room divider with wallpaper to add a splash of color to a room.