



Geometry lesson

High contrast creates high drama. We found the combination of floral and linear elements in opposing neutrals in the tea set, *below*, and applied the design to our room. The result is a striking counterpoint to the lush landscaping that surrounds the space.

The greenery comes into the room with spiky fern fronds next to the sofa that are as boldly graphic as the fabrics themselves. Geometric patterns in black and white are accented with punches of deep red, creating contemporary style with a classic color scheme. A faux kilim rug underfoot injects a note of traditional comfort, while its geometric pattern adds to the play of lines in the space.

The plain structures of the vase, candleholders, tray, and zinc planter balance the sense of movement in the black-and-white fabrics. Quilting and embroidery on the pillows and the knitted throw provide texture and a suggestion of informality to this sophisticated look.





THE FABRICS

Below, left to right: Chella, Polynesian Baroque in Kiwi; Robert Allen, Megastar in Splash; Kravet Soleil, Flower Power in Palm; Duralee, #14272 in Natural/Blue (#50); Kravet Soleil, Charade in Palm.



Easy living

The delicate quality of light through colored glass, *below*, provided the inspiration for our calm oasis of aqua and green. The colors enhance the surrounding flowers and foliage and evoke the scents of newly mowed grass and aromatic herbs and the sound of splashing water.

Green draperies work with the matchstick blinds, arbor, and overhanging vines to create a lush canopy of dappled light. Organic motifs decorating the fabrics tie in beautifully with the environment.

Arranged for conversation and furnished for comfort, the relaxing space sets the stage for easy outdoor entertaining. Or, if solitude is your goal, a sturdy yet stylish outdoor floor lamp makes this a delightful spot to curl up with a good book on a warm summer evening.

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