

# SOURCEBOOK

Inspired by Keeley's dramatic style? Here's how to achieve it in your own home



## INTERIOR DESIGN

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Founder and director of her own interior design company, Interiors at 58, Sallie believes in creating luxurious, elegant and original schemes at affordable prices

## ADDING PATTERN

Wallpaper in a bathroom may not seem the most obvious choice, but if you get it right, it can last for years and look fantastic. Sallie gives us the lowdown...

First, determine the best area of the room for your paper and the right one to use. Then you have free rein to choose the perfect style! Vinyl or scrubbable wallpapers are the most durable, so if you can find one you like you can be sure it will stand the test of time – however, the range is limited, so if you go for a conventional paper, follow these guidelines...

**Get the best design** I'd suggest something adventurous as the simplicity of white bathroom furniture is the perfect partner for bold colours and intense patterns. Deep blues and greens evoke a feeling of calm and relaxation, as do botanical prints. If you think you might tire of a busy pattern, opt for a peelable paper or mural as these can be repositioned and removed when you want a change.

**Ensure good ventilation** It's crucial to avoid steam damage; open windows or fit an extractor fan to reduce humidity. Position paper away from areas that are likely to get wet, such as the edge of showers. If you'd like wallpaper behind the bath, opt for a freestanding tub set away from the wall to minimise splashes.

**Choose the right adhesive** Harlequin Professional Wallpaper Paste is designed for areas of high humidity and where condensation is a problem, so it will help ensure there's no peeling or bubbling (always check manufacturers' instructions before applying a paste).

**Protect wallpaper** Polyvine water-based Decorators Varnish is excellent for protecting wallpaper – two coats will ensure it's water- and stain-resistant. Choose the dead flat finish so you don't get a tell-tale sheen.

**Lasting choice** If you have the budget check out Wet System by Wall and Deco (from West One Bathrooms). These completely waterproof 'wallpapers' are suitable for inside showers and can even be fitted on top of tiles so even though they're pricey, costing from £156/metre, you won't have the mess and expense of tile removal.



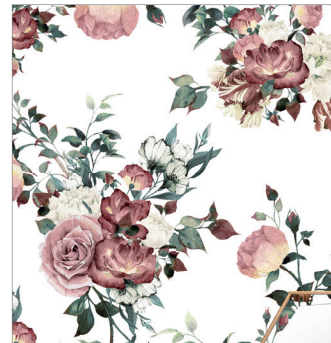
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