

style home mini trend

The right stripes

Get fresh with this versatile pattern, writes **Susan Redman**.

A afraid to add a pattern that will lock you into a theme or colourway? A simple way to reinvent your environment is with stripes.

Bold and beautiful, stripes combine well with anything while adding colour, texture and interest. Choose from fine classic pinstripes or go as wide as you dare in a two-way colour combo.

Alternatively, create an illusion with a decorating trick or two. Vertically striped wallpaper will make a room appear bigger or the ceiling higher, while horizontal stripes can generate the effect that a narrow room is indeed wider.

If adding stripes to your current scheme, integrate them by choosing a dominant colour in the textiles already in residence and buy striped additions in similar shades.

At Marimekko, stripes are standard fare and IKEA follows suit with some less costly versions. Country Road loves summery stripes, particularly in red and blue, and puts them on everything from coffee cups to bedlinen.

Lovers of the great outdoors go wild about stripes, too. Sunnilyfe has produced striped ranges in its beach accessories for this season and several of Robert Plumb's outdoor furniture pieces also feature striped upholstery.

Even camping specialist Ray's Outdoors has gone for the straight and narrow in a fun green and blue hammock. And pets are in on the act with the cutest pastel-striped cotton beanbags from Annie B's. On your wall or on your lunch box, two-toned or multi-coloured, take the plunge with stripes.

1. Marimekko Nimikko and Ujo bath towels, \$88, hand towels, \$50, guest towel, \$21, 1800 094 258.

2. Annie B's small beanbag, \$65, large, \$92.50, 0410 526 145, annieb.com.au.

3. Sunnilyfe Bermuda beach umbrella, \$79.95, (03) 9421 6325, sunnilyfe.com.au.

4. Arena upholstered bed, from \$3445, Coco Republic, 1300 785 039.

5. Single hammock, \$29.99, Ray's Outdoors, 1800 641 867, raysoutdoors.com.au.

6. Country Road pillowcases: Pomegranate Stripe Seersucker, Persian Pink Mia, Sky Blue Odette, all \$39.95 a pair, 1800 801 911.

7. Accordion lanterns, set of three \$59.95, Metro Style, (03) 9499 9988, metrostyle.com.au.

8. Dune striped sun lounger, \$1495, Cotswold Furniture, 1800 677 047, cotswoldfurniture.com.au.

9. IKEA Karistad two-seater sofa, Rannebo red-white stripe, \$529, 8002 0400, ikea.com.au.



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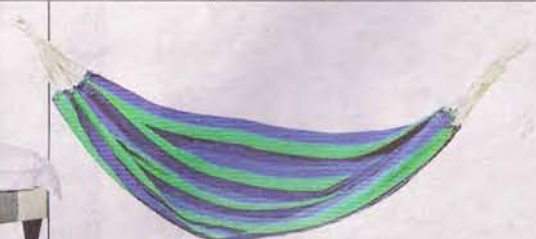
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