

# House Beautiful

## How to Tastefully Design a Room Around Animal Prints, According to Experts

*They're bold, beautiful – and easier to style than you think*

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While there's definitely a pattern out there for every kind of style, animal prints seem to be among the most trendy iterations at the moment. Bold replications of leopard, tiger, and zebra stripes are popping up everywhere, from large-scale furniture to smaller winks, like a tufted ottoman. And, while they may feel gutsy, many designers consider it to be a timeless—and even neutral—choice. “There is nothing more classic and sophisticated than an animal print to add a punch to a room,” says Gray Walker, the founder of Gray Walker Interiors, who adds that they can be woven into any room of the house.

### **Know When to Dial it Back**

A touch of animal print on a tufted bench was all designer Gray Walker needed to balance the sweetness in this bedroom.