



## 5 Ways to Give Your Home a Botanical Facelift



*Victorian botanical prints, juicy succulents, bright green ferns and geometric designs in industrial brass and zinc.*

I love houseplants and flower arrangements and I can often be found making bold displays with my favourites – hydrangeas, alliums, bay and eucalyptus from my own garden – or replacing tired moss in a striking centrepiece of succulents.

This year's botanical trend is great for me, but it's also a simple way to give neutral schemes a boost – perfect if you're renting and can't change the colour of your walls.

A botanical theme can take many forms. For a modern botanical style, think industrial textures and geometric prints. For a Victorian twist, opt for a gentle palette and vintage materials. Or go tropical with spiny cacti and luscious palms. Here's how:



## 1. Flair for features

Make a feature of bold botanical artwork against stark walls. A framed poster or printed wallpaper will do if you're on a budget. Continue your theme throughout the room with bright potted ferns and green accents for an easy botanical update.

## 2. Try texture

Contrasting finishes – worn timber, zinc, burnished brass and glass pair well with lush greenery. Visit your local garden centre before you try costly home stores. Garden furniture and displays give your home instant botanical appeal.

## 3. Pick your plants

Houseplants and arrangements are of course the most important aspect of a botanical theme. Make your home a leafy haven with bright green ferns, juicy succulents and palms. Jungly potted plants will create a rainforest feeling.

## 4. Antique accessories

Vintage and botanical styles go hand-in-hand. Choose antique prints and artwork, or frame pressed flowers. Accessorize with vintage bottles and laboratory glass for an explorer aesthetic. The vintage look works brilliantly against soft, neutral walls.

## 5. Geometric gems

Industrial and botanical are another perfect pairing. Geometric shapes in fabrics, wallpapers and precious metallics combine beautifully with natural stone, peeling paint, distressed wood and brushed metals.

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The botanical trend is still going strong, as bright prints, natural textures and artisanal or vintage objects take centre stage. To invest now, look out for on-trend brass and gold to carry you through into spring. I'm loving the greenery – and the glamour!