

# deck the walls

Add drama to your dining space in a flash just in time for Christmas Day

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**S**o you need to add some wow to your dining room (or any room) in a flash?

There's one quick and easy way to transform any room – wallpaper. The first thing to do is choose the paper and the wall it's going to go on.

This dining room has plenty of height and light and the room could handle a dark paper.

We wanted to emphasise the architectural features of the room and we chose an “irregular” wall so it really stands out.

Once we had wallpaper, it

was time to have the chairs reupholstered. We used Costal coverings, which has a great range of colours. Luckily there was a striped fabric on hand that matched the wallpaper perfectly.

We also were lucky to have extra height in this room so we could add some dramatic lighting as well. Oversized suspended lights added a real “glow” to the ceiling. Hung in a cluster at varying heights, the effect is spectacular.

The final touch, a splash of colour in the flowers, brings the room to life.



**BEFORE:** The room was pretty plain before we got hold of it, though the owners clearly already had an eye for design. They just needed the right combination to give it spark.



## WORKING WITH WALLPAPER



When you watch the experts hanging wallpaper, it looks like all you have to do is add a little bit of glue on the back of the paper and whack it up. But it really is an expert's job. If the pattern doesn't line up or the paper is not hung exactly straight, you can get yourself in all sorts of trouble. Then there's cutting the paper around powerpoints and light switches. If you really are determined to give it a go, choose a wall that is square, with no tricky bits or windows. Just like when you were covering your books at school with contact, the golden rule is to make sure there are no air bubbles or bumps under the paper.