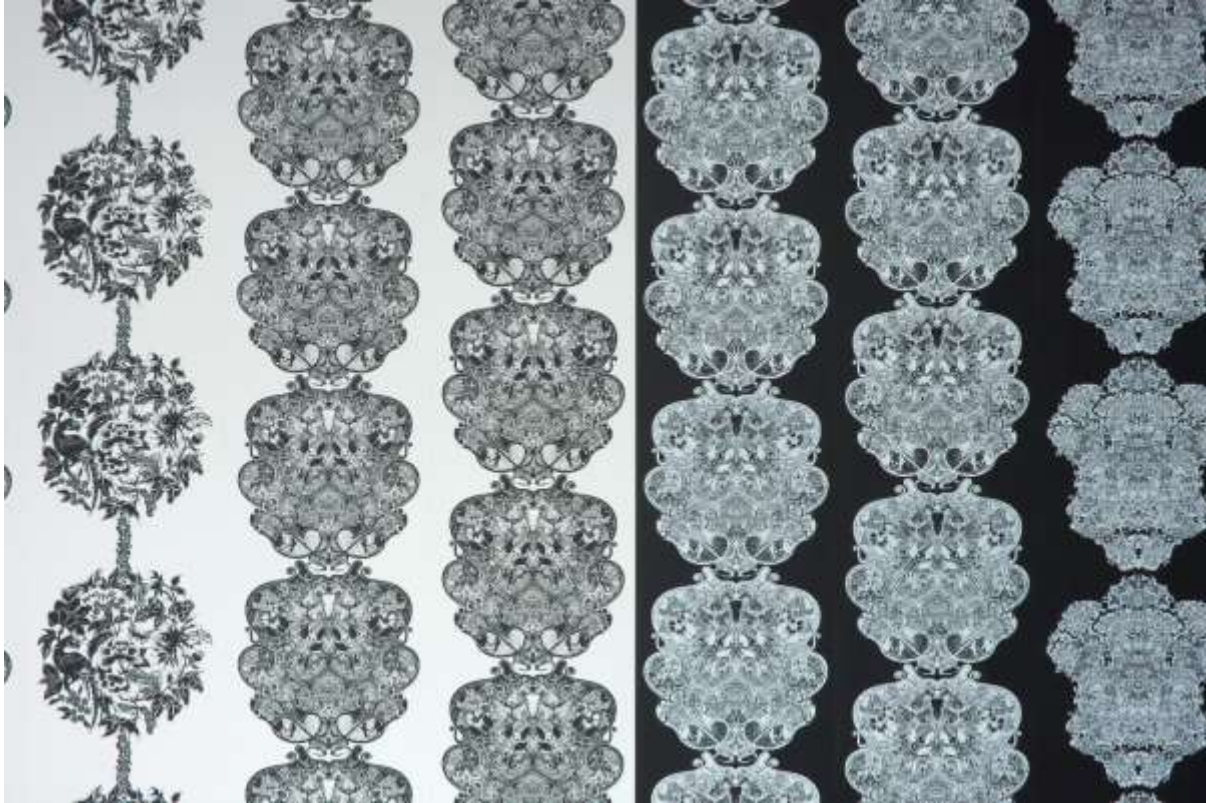


Monday Makes: Wild Wallpaper

For ages 5+



Wonderlands, Johanna Basford, DCA, 2013, photo by Ruth Clark

This week we've been inspired by Johanna Basford's wallpaper designs from her 2013 *Wonderlands* exhibition at DCA to create our own nature inspired motif/pattern.

Johanna Basford has some great video tutorials – take a look here:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/johanna.basford/videos/>

See: The shapes and patterns in the above image. This wallpaper includes patterns from nature including birds and plants. Take a look at the patterns and details in nature, from flowers and leaves to bugs and spider webs.

Think: About how nature inspires design. Take a look around your home and see if you can find any shapes and patterns inspired by nature.

Make: Your own motif inspired by nature. Copy and repeat it to create a wallpaper design.

Do: Take a picture of your wild wallpaper and share online using #DCAmakes.

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Wild Wallpaper**Step-by-step****What you'll need:**

- Paper
- Black pen
- Pencil
- Glue stick or tape
- Plants or images of plants/nature

**Step 1**

Take your pencil and paper with you on a walk to the park or out into the garden. Find leaves and flowers that catch your eye and draw them, looking really closely at the shapes and patterns.

You could collect some real leaves, flowers and grasses to take home – make sure they are safe and that you are allowed to pick them. You can then draw around the bigger leaves and flowers like a stencil and use them for Step 2.

You can also find natural shapes (like insects, birds, plants, etc) in books or online and draw these.

Step 2 (optional)



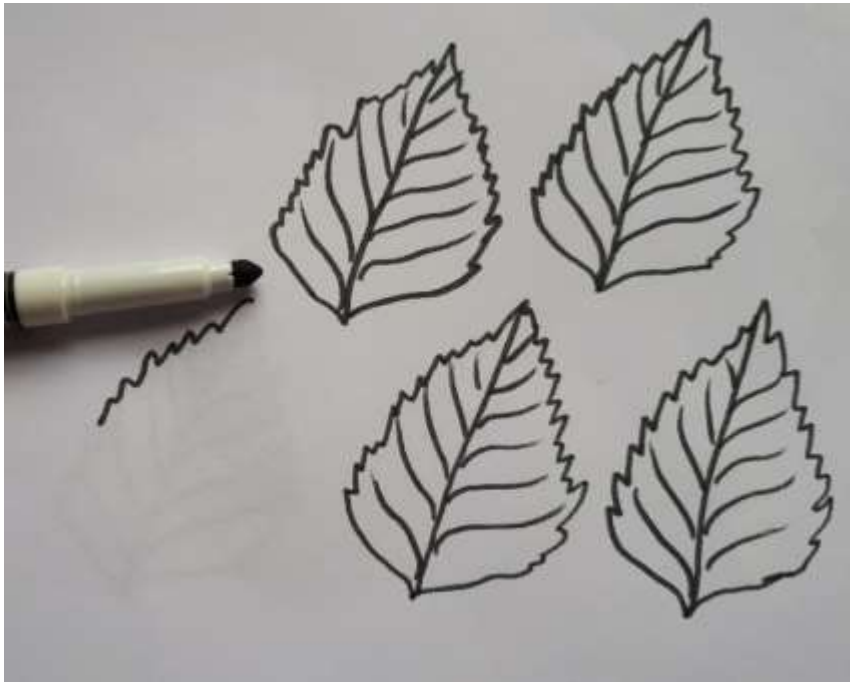
If you have real flowers and leaves, experiment with these to make patterns and motifs. This will give you some good ideas for your wallpaper pattern design. Take photos to refer back to later.

Step 3



Go back to your drawings. Pick the shapes you like best and draw around your pencil drawings with a black pen.

Step 4



Repeat shapes by copying them or tracing them. This will give you more shapes to work with for Step 5.

Step 5



Cut out the shapes to create your motif. Play around with arrangements or recreate your designs created with real plants in Step 2. Once you're happy, stick your motif design down with glue or tape.

Step 6 (optional)



Make copies of your motif by drawing out more shapes and arranging them in the same way or by scanning/photographing your motif, printing out copies and cutting these out. Arrange these on a piece of paper to create a repeating pattern. Take a photo of your finished wallpaper design or motif and share using #DCAmakes.

