



Why We're Mad for Plaid

I went to Catholic school from kindergarten through high school, so plaid and I have quite a bit of history. But after 12 years of seeing it on everything from skirts and jumpers to yearbooks and diplomas, I was totally done with it.

Or so I thought.

While my days of kilt-y uniforms are behind me, I've recently started to love seeing the pattern in my home. Turns out, I'm not alone. [Plaid](#) is happening in a major way, and designers are devising some pretty amazing and innovative ways to decorate with it. Like any pattern, there's a trick to knowing where to put it and how much to use. To help keep our rooms from turning into mini hunting lodges, I asked some top decorators to weigh in on their favorite ways to play with plaid. Read on and get inspired!

Try color mapping

For the color-averse out there, using something as bold as plaid can be a little intimidating, which is why I love this tip from celeb interior decorator and professional stager [Cathy Hobbs](#): Simply pull a color or two from the plaid and repeat it throughout the room. The technique, called "color mapping," is a surefire way to make your design feel more cohesive.