

Decorators turn to wallpaper

By **GEORGIA WATERS**

WALLPAPER is the hottest new trend in the homes of the seriously stylish.

In everything from opulent paisley prints to more subdued natural patterns, wallpaper has shed its stuffy image.

Ascot interior decorator Sandra Huybers said wallpaper was "a great way to bring atmosphere to a room".

"The French are doing the most fabulous wallpaper," she said.

"Some of the prints look almost like photographs."

Ms Huybers said designers were also producing wallpaper and fabric in the same prints.

"You can have a cushion made in the same print as the wallpaper," she said.

Ms Huybers has designed interiors for everything from houses and offices to boats since she opened her design business Soho Interiors in June last year.

She named her shop after SoHo, New York, famous for its loft apartments and artistic history.

Ms Huybers said a common decorating mistake people made was to abandon a project before it was finished.

"If you have a limited budget, it's best to do one area at a time," she said.

Another tip was to declutter and simplify a room.

"Buy one or two statement pieces and simplify as much as you can," Ms Huybers said.

■ **Soho Interiors is at 1/146 Racecourse Rd, Ascot. Phone 3630 1992.**

closeup decorating tips

- Buy cushions or lamps for a new look.
- Get soft furniture re-upholstered.
- Wallpaper one wall for a feature.
- Declutter and simplify.



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