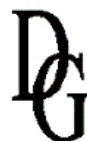


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## Flower Power

Floral wallpaper never really goes out of style but in 2012 it is still as big as ever. With so many different styles to choose from whether it's dainty vintage flowers or big bold flower prints there is something out there for most people.

For inspiration take a stroll into the countryside and see what's sort of blooms you like. There are plenty of places online that you can view many different wall papers. One of my favorites is <http://www.wallpaperdirect.co.uk/>

Wallpaper can push the budget up when doing home decoration so an effective way around this is to wallpaper just one

wall. The other walls would be painted and the papered wall acts more like a feature. This works particularly well with detailed prints that might feel a bit crowded in some rooms if done on all sides.

Here are a few links to some places that do some lovely floral wallpapers

<http://www.lauraashley.com>

<http://www.farrow-ball.com>



Above is an example of some floral wallpapers we have recently put up.

## Dave's Bio



David Green is the founder and Managing Director of David Green Decorating Limited.

David has been a Painter and Decorator all his life. It was in 2000 that David decided to set up his own company and

since then it has grown from mainly local jobs to Nationwide and Dave and his team have also completed jobs abroad for clients.

David is married to Andrea and has two daughters Jessica & Charlotte,

Son Thomas (who works for Dave) and a Grandson Connor.

In his spare time Dave is a big Film and Music lover. He is a big fan of Alfred Hitchcock and supports Leeds United Football Team.

## Dave's DIY



This is a new feature where I want to share some hints and tips on general DIY tasks.

This month it's Stripping Wallpaper. A job most people hate but spending time on preparing your walls before starting a job will ensure a much higher quality finish.

Items you will need: Wallpaper steamer (if using), ladder, scraper and dust sheets.

1. Clear the room as much as you can, things that cannot be moved out of the room should be placed nearer to the middle of the room and covered in dust sheets.
2. Start by lightly scoring the wallpaper with the side of your scraper, you can buy specialist tools for this but a scraper will do the same job. Be careful not to score the plaster underneath.

3. Steamers can damage plaster on vulnerable walls so what you can do is "soak" the walls instead. Using a large paintbrush brush hot water all over the wallpaper. To be effective you will need to do this 3-4 times over. If you have vinyl paper up peel off the top layer first before applying water. Then use your scraper to take off the wallpaper.
4. If you are using a steamer then follow the manufacturers directions.



**Top Tip:** You can buy special additives to go into the water to help loosen the paper but a good money saving tip is to use a little fairy liquid instead. Just add a couple of drops to the water

The key is to stay patient. You should never paper over existing wallpaper.

## Style Idea



In each Newsletter there will be some ideas for room decoration. These may be colours, fabrics, objects or wallpapers. Some people call these Mood Boards and they are a great way of collating ideas when you are thinking of home decoration. You can either cut pictures out of magazines or search online. A great place to create boards for anything is Pinterest. <http://pinterest.com/>

In this edition I have selected a Home Office for a bright feel. This would look great against bright white walls but you could be really bold and choose a bright vibrant colour.



Pin Board



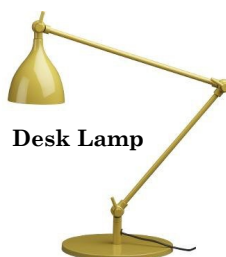
Cheap idea to hang



Picture



Desk & Chair



Desk Lamp



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David Green Decorating Limited based in Oxfordshire have more than 30 years experience in the decorating trade and offer a professional service for the following:

- Private/residential houses
- Offices
- Factories
- Shops
- Schools & Colleges
- Contracting for Builders, Developers & Businesses

David Green studied his apprenticeship with a well known & respected building company, David has vast experience in the painting & decorating industry. David holds City & Guilds certificates in advanced craft painting & decorating and is a corporate member of the Guild of Master Craftsmen.

In 2000, David started his own business and now with a team of experienced decorators provides a high standard of painting & decorating into small and large organisations.



## Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships have been getting quite a lot of news coverage recently mainly due to the government trying to push them to UK businesses.

For me an apprentice is a great investment in the future of my business. I'm able to train them up in the way I want and mold them to my business. Yes it does take a lot of work upfront in supervision and training but in a few years time I'll have an enthusiastic team member who has started from the bottom, worked hard and will hopefully continue working for me for years to come. Two of my team have gone through an apprenticeship. Ryan and Tom completed theirs through Warwickshire College. I also had another chap called Tim who worked with while whilst doing his Apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships are particularly suited to the hands on trade type roles. Where there is a real balance between theory work and practical input.

There is also a great benefit to the apprentice. With university fees at the level they are now Apprenticeships now give them another option to train towards a qualification while being paid and have a job at the end of it.



I started my decorating career as an apprentice and it goes to show that with hard work and dedication you can run a well respected business with an expanding team and client base.

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