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its of colour, a stock-in-trade of interior designer Tor Vivian, who created this room, can make an otherwise understated scheme really sing. The secret is a confident approach to mixing and matching pattern, scale, colour and texture for an eclectic, informal look. For cohesion, choose a neutral canvas; in this room, the mainly putty and grey backdrop is an ideal vehicle for the medley of colours, including sunshine yellow, hot pink and vivid green. "Have fun with pattern," advises Tor. "Here, I used a vintage Colefax and Fowler pink floral as a statement fabric on a custom-made ottoman, which helps the whole scheme to hang together. Although the other fabrics are all different, I picked up the pink via cushion piping and pattern elsewhere. I also incorporated geometrics, stripes and checks, using the same grey and yellow colour family." The result is a room full of spring shades which are easy on the eye. Tor Interiors, torinteriors.com.

PALETTE The variety of sprightly colours greens, yellows, pinks and blues – is kept in check via a simple neutral backdrop. Blending different patterns, from large-scale florals to dense geometrics, works well if you stick to three or four hues repeated throughout. STYLE From the traditional club fender to the classically shaped armchairs, this

scheme achieves a sense of timeless elegance, enlivened by bold pops of colour for a more contemporary feel.

LAYOUT This relaxing sitting room relies on a classic configuration, with a pair of matching sofas upholstered in Pure Belgian Linen from Sofa.com facing each other for a smartly symmetrical yet intimate look.