

LIFESTYLE

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The cushiest collections

If spring fever brings on the urge to redecorate, channel a fresh look towards your lounge or bedroom with bright new cushions

We're spoilt for choice in Cape Town, with tons of fantastic South African fabric designers creating vibrant patterns and prints that will give winter-weary decor a much-needed boost of energy.



Clinton Friedman

Clinton Friedman's beautiful botanical prints have become coveted style icons. This snappy design would make a stunning accent piece amid minimalist decor. The range includes prints of soft green trees, monochrome thorns, beetles and weaver's nests.

Optical white cotton R695, natural 100% linen R795, available from Weylandts stores nationwide or direct from clintonfriedmancollections.com

Design Kist

A generous dash of nostalgia and funky colour makes this zoo biscuit design from Design Kist hard to resist. Kristen Morkel's Cape Town studio produces a wide range of Mzansi-inspired fabric and wallpaper designs, including Transkei Cows and Muizenberg Huts.

Available from KIN on Kloof, 99B Kloof St; KIN at the V&A, Alfred Mall, V&A Waterfront, or R350 direct from designkist.com

Heartworks

Beautifully detailed embroidery and appliqué captures vibrant scenes of African life in these individual cushions from the Heartworks team of artisans. Each one is a handmade artwork from the heart and is guaranteed to bring a smile to your day.

R610–R850, available from Heartworks, Gardens Centre and (from mid-October) Watershed at the V&A Waterfront. Papama Mnyakama, 021 447 9647, heartworks.kloof@gmail.com

Zana

Zesty and light, this delicious lemon print from Cape Town design team Zana is perfect for spring and summer. Then there are the new pretty pompom-fringed cushions and the ever-popular wordy designs, including 'Good Morning Gorgeous' and 'Crazy Cat Lady'.

R250, available from Zana, Unit G3 Salt Circle Building, 19 Kent St, Woodstock, 021 448 6743, or online from zanaproducts.co.za

bbellamy&bbellamy

Art and textile come together in this gorgeous Waterlilies fabric from bbellamy&bbellamy. A collaboration between renowned artist Ruan Hoffman and designer Louis Boshoff, the striking design comes in elegant blue-moss and vibrant ruby-grapefruit.

R650, available from bbellamy&bbellamy l'atelier, 304 Albert Rd, Woodstock, 084 011 1596, bbellamyandbbellamy.com

Quagga

Reinventing local Cape Town heritage to encompass the VW Beetle and the Mouille Point lighthouse, Rob Tarlton has created a lovely, subtle fabric design full of unexpected little details to keep the eye intrigued. The reverse of the cushion has a grey hededah print.

R290, available from Recreate, 368 Albert Road, Salt River, or direct from Quagga at fabrics-wallpapers.co.za

Skinny laMinx

Heather Moore of Skinny laMinx is known for her quirky and creative graphic designs. Who wouldn't love a herd of graceful cave-painting-inspired duiker strolling across their sofa? There's the fresh new Paradise is Here range too, with frond and palm patterns in zingy citrus shades.

R300, available from Skinny laMinx, 201 Bree St, 021 424 6290, or online from skinnylaminx.com/shop/



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