



## Dining

Layered fabric adds texture and softness in any part of the home, so use it on your table, too. Whether dining inside or out, a cloth covers a grotty table, whilst a runner exposes parts of a decent one. Failing that, fabric place mats beneath plates give an opportunity for layering, which is a key way to introduce fabric and texture. Folded linen napkins on side plates also look gorgeous. Zara Home ([zarahome.com/gb](http://zarahome.com/gb)) does brilliant tableware in tropical colours, whilst Beyond France ([beyondfrance.secured-area.co.uk](http://beyondfrance.secured-area.co.uk)) has the best range of original vintage linens from all over Europe.



## Bedroom

Linens in the bedroom is comfortable and cooling. When the temperature rises and electric fans sell out, a loose flat sheet on top of the base sheet allows you to kick off the duvet if necessary. Introduce another colour in the pillows to avoid a 'full duvet set' look, which can be a bit naff; I'd recommend Loaf ([loaf.com](http://loaf.com)) and Soak & Sleep ([soakandsleep.com](http://soakandsleep.com)) for French linen in affordable and gorgeous muted grey, charcoal, blush pink and aqua colours. What's more, the look is naturally crumpled, so you can ditch the iron! Check out Instagram's #messybed for inspiration.

## Windows

Natural weaves, such as linen, are the ultimate summer fabric. With its visible open weave and natural slubs, linen has a crumpled, relaxed feel and sunlight beautifully highlights the fabric's structure. Think beachy linen shirts nonchalantly rolled up at the sleeves, or a linen tunic dress thrown over your bikini, and transfer that vibe into your home. Use it unlined and translucent on tall windows or patio doors to allow the light in, but to create privacy. Alternatively, use a contrasting fabric, such as velvet, for a heavier curtain set on its own track, which you can draw in the evenings. My recent stay at Soho House in Istanbul confirmed this practical yet stylish way of treating windows is absolutely the way to go. The new Linoso collection by British fabric brand Clarke & Clarke ([clarke-clarke.com](http://clarke-clarke.com)) is an open-weave fabric in gorgeous on-trend shades, such as cayenne, denim, dove, mocha, mushroom and saffron. Voiles and sheers have a tired reputation, so give them an edge with an ombre dip dye or pretty embroidered florals creeping up from the hem, and a relaxed heading (as opposed to pencil or french pleats) to create an unstructured style.



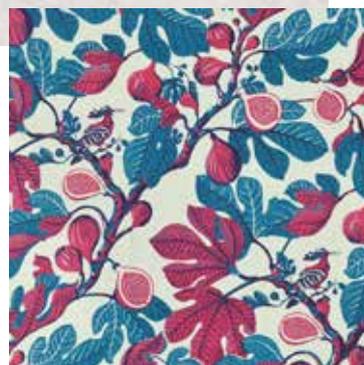
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Interiors stylist **HANNAH CORK** explains how using the right fabrics throughout your home this summer can add character and texture



Above: Tine K Home Blue Ikat Cushion, £45, [trouva.com](http://trouva.com)

Right: Fig Swatches, £95 per metre, [fannyshorter.com](http://fannyshorter.com)



## Living

Nothing says summer like ethnic prints; use them on cushions for the sofa for an instant injection of sunshine. Ikat dyeing – another firm favourite with Soho House – also gives an instant travel vibe. Alternatively, go for an edgy update on florals and embrace the botanical look; Fanny Shorter's ([fannyshorter.com](http://fannyshorter.com)) new Fig print in bold colourways is gorgeous. Finally, some Turkish Hammam-style towels in the bathroom make a great summery addition. Toast ([toa.st/uk/houseandhome](http://toa.st/uk/houseandhome)) has the most beautiful selection which, placed on the end of a guest bed, will be the perfect summery touch for visitors. [hannahcorkinteriordesign.co.uk](http://hannahcorkinteriordesign.co.uk)