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Idea Book

your guide to a beautiful home

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IN LIVING COLOR

" *There's an art to designing a restful room,"*
opines Kelley Proxmire, an expert at creating
moods with color and pattern. "Rooms should be
welcoming and crisp, calming and pretty."
Below, the designer shares further insights.

TIP 1 Choose one strong color, then add complementary hues.

TIP 2 Balance is key to combining strong colors and patterns.

TIP 3 Pastels tend not to blend with bolder colors; stay within the tones of stronger colors and patterns for a cohesive look.

TIP 4 Contrast dark shades with crisp white to keep a space light and bright.

TIP 5 Be aware of the scale of a pattern and how it complements your colors.

TIP 6 Mixing mini-prints with stripes, checks and florals is in now.

Above: A host chair in a vibrant Brunschwig & Fils fabric sets the tone in a Northwest DC dining room by Kelley Proxmire. Inc.