

## Create Cottage Style With Colorful Fabrics

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“Cottage” conveys images of thatched roofs in an English countryside or a little bungalow in an historical part of town. Today’s cottage-style decorating has less to do with actual scale or location, and more with creating a cozy, welcoming room or a return to simple comforts. So whatever the type of your dwelling, you can easily decorate in cottage style.

A great way to add a touch of cottage is by investing in fabrics. Popular cottage style fabrics include toile, florals, stripes, or a combination of all three. Easy and affordable ways to incorporate fabric into your home include:

**Pillows.** Buy pillows forms with removable covers so you can easily change the look and store the covers when not in use.



**Tablecloths.** They may require more laundry work, but the added color and style is worth it.

**Placemats.** Yes, vinyl is practical, but fabric placemats offer a simple way to add cottage style.

**Lampshades.** Buy a simple lamp base in white or a color that coordinates with your furniture and have fun changing the shade.

**Curtains or valences.** Invest in a simple curtain rod and enjoy coordinating your tablecloth and placemats with a variety of valences or curtains.



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