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Newly-opened boutique hotel, **The Ivy**, offers glorious, feminine design in small, bijoux packages. Located within the **Verity** women's club in downtown Toronto, The Ivy sports just four rooms, conceived and designed by Verity owner Mary Aitken and **Trianon's** Lesley Macmillan.

Guests can access their rooms through the club or via a separate entrance. A cosy seating area outside the rooms features French-style furniture, an honour bar and hors d'oeuvres courtesy of George Restaurant.

Each room is lavish with au courant design aspects such as Hastens beds with Italian linens, strong colours, florals and patterns. Bathrooms feature generous counter space around the sinks, abundant towels and a separate soaker tub, shower and w/c.



As the weather gets warmer, each room will benefit from the small terrace, overlooking the courtyard, home to George Restaurant's summer patio. Click through for a small tour . . .



Decorated with a dash of French style and a nod to contemporary shapes, these tactile rooms offer home decorators some guiding principles, even if you don't have a boutique hotel budget:

1. The Ivy entrance is simple and elegant and provides a spot to put things down while you search for your key.
2. Choosing one wall for a strong colour via paint or wallpaper will create a focal point and make a room look larger.
3. It's worth it to invest in the best bed and bed linens you can afford – they'll make you feel good and they look good, too!
4. Texture adds a lot to any room, especially small details like wood carving on a headboard or the silver metallic of a bedside lamp.
5. Classic black and white can be even bolder when paired with a third colour.
6. Similar patterns enhance each other as demonstrated by the chartreuse fabric on the pillow, the fabric upholstery of the chair and the floor lamp base and the wallpaper.
7. Go bold in small doses – like the fuchsia patterned desk chair.

I've always believed that any form of beauty can inspire home decoration; after photographing The Ivy I indulged myself with a new rug for my own living room. I'd been considering several options, but after touring those gorgeous rooms, I knew which one I wanted; now, my purchase is happily displayed in my home, below.

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Chris Says:
March 25th, 2009 at 6:45 am

Waheeda, thanks for the peak inside the Ivy, it's fantastic! And this shot of your own place is tantalizing—House Tour, please!



Jackie Says:
March 25th, 2009 at 7:34 am

Sumptuous. My bags are packed.



Mike Says:
March 25th, 2009 at 7:45 am

Total francophile...STUNNING and SUMPTUOUS!! My idea of beyond lovely. Thanks W for this backstage peak...



Waheeda Says:
March 25th, 2009 at 8:25 am

I'm so happy I could share this on StyleNorth - a bit of colour and pattern is always inspiring

