

# LUXURY LONDON LIVING FABRIC

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**ON THE SURFACE**  
Sustainable options for the very fabric of your property

**RUSTIC CHARM**  
Harriet Hastings' vast barn conversion is pure bucolic bliss

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Nina Sosanya on upcoming roles and having a face that people recognise but struggle to place





## Sustainable materials / INTERIORS

From left:  
Abigail Edwards  
Miscellaneous  
wallpaper in  
Forest, Morgan  
Logano dining  
chair; Artyl Owen  
Oakley Rug



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"The perfect"  
Francesca's  
Paints Pastel  
from Harro  
in Trillick

claim to being one of the most sustainable materials on Earth, thanks to its abundant and fast-growing nature. Typically grown without the use of chemical pesticides or fertilisers, it boasts a low environmental impact. It also has the ability to sequester carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, so in choosing a rug made with wool, you can indirectly support vital carbon capture efforts. ([artandsoam.com](http://artandsoam.com))

What we put on our walls can have a huge impact on the environment. Many household paints contain high levels of VOCs (that's volatile organic compounds) as well as hazardous ingredients such as heavy metals - think lead and mercury, or solvents like benzene or xylene, that are harmful to ecosystems when they contaminate our soil or water sources. Seemingly innocuous wallpapers can also be detrimental: some are made using toxic materials such as vinyl, PVC, and other synthetic chemicals that release harmful substances into the air over time. "It is so easy to decorate sustainably these days but check what you are buying first," advises Abigail Edwards, founder of the eponymous wallpaper brand. "Make sure the papers are printed with non-toxic based inks. Many wallpapers will claim to be made from sustainably sourced materials but check that there aren't any added nasties in there. Unlike standard 'paste the wall' wallpapers, our Eco wallpapers are made with 79 per cent renewable raw materials, the PET fibres have been replaced with plant-based fibres created from fermented starch, and the remaining 21 per cent is a water-based latex binder. Thirty per cent less greenhouse gases are emitted during the manufacturing process and the papers are compostable." ([abigailedwards.co.uk](http://abigailedwards.co.uk))

Francesca's Paints is a brand that can lay claim to being one of the first eco paint companies in the UK. Founded in 1996 by colourist Francesca Wesel, the brand puts sustainability and environmentalism at the heart of all they do, with entirely plastic-free, breathable, and solvent-free paints on offer. And if you can't find the exact colour you're looking for, Francesca creates entirely bespoke shades, mixed to suit the client's needs, so there's really no excuse to not go eco. ([francescaspaint.com](http://francescaspaint.com))

With the leather industry closely linked to deforestation - trees are invariably cut down to allow for cattle grazing and the cultivation of animal feed - Ultrafabrics is a brand that offers a love vegan alternative. Marrying Japanese craftsmanship with state-of-the-art technology and sustainability-focused innovation, these are high-performance textiles for high-end furniture pieces - Morgan Furniture's stylish Logano collection being a case in point. ([ultrafabrics.com](http://ultrafabrics.com); [morganfurniture.co.uk](http://morganfurniture.co.uk))