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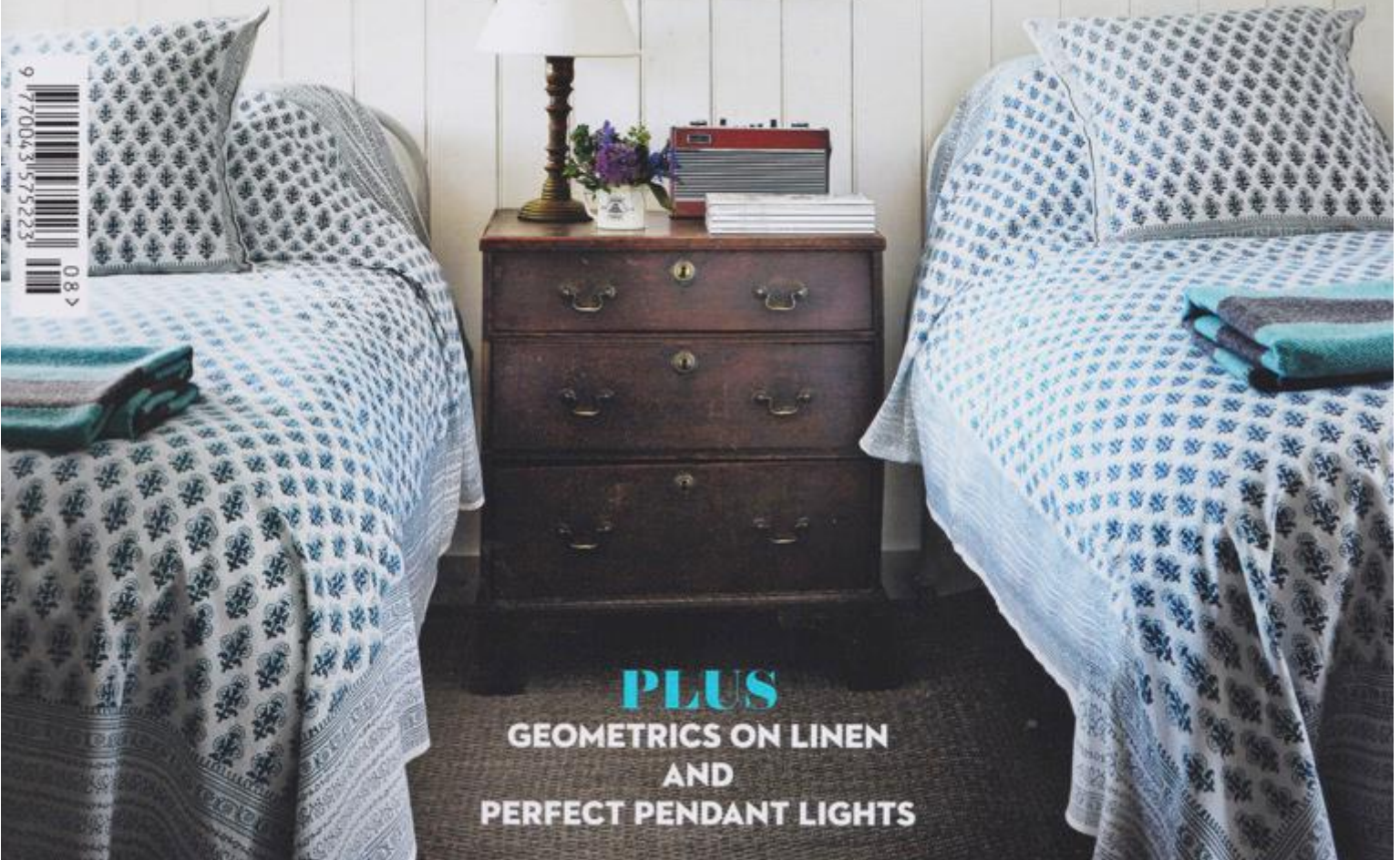
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# Rachel Bates

Renowned for her bold use of colour and pattern, Rachel Bates takes on projects ranging from the 'finishing touches' stage to a complete refurbishment. She has also launched an online boutique

I came to interior design by accident when the design and build of my own home 11 years ago led to a project for a friend. My style is a colourful, contemporary take on the classic and traditional. Since childhood, colour has filled me with absolute joy. As the wonderful Nina Campbell said, 'Rachel Bates doesn't know the word beige.' The Rachel Bates Consultancy involves a complete service, working with architects, constructors and a team of staff. Our RBI Angels service is for individual rooms, finishing touches or to refresh a scheme. Variety is the spice of life and each project is different. But my principle is that all products should be of the highest quality - timeless pieces that can become the antiques of tomorrow. I adore luxurious, tactile materials, from the softest cashmere to the richest silks. Some of my favourite furniture suppliers are Porta Romana, Marc de Berny, William Yeoward, Nicholas Haslam, Ginger & Jagger, Cox London, Nina Campbell and Vaughan. For art, I go to Roger Colson, Claire Coles, Trowbridge Gallery, Etalage and a selection of top-secret antique shops and auction houses. I like to mix influences from a multitude of design greats, from Nicholas Haslam to Mario Buatta and John Fowler. My home is different to anything I produce for my clients, because it's the greatest reflection of my personality and showcases my passion for colour and different eras. Our online boutique, Rachel Bates Elegantly Curated, launched this past November and sells my own collections as well as an edit of other brands. Our crystal pieces are handmade and etched in Prague, and our porcelain in Limoges. The boutique features some of the world's leading brands including Artel, And So To Bed and Ormonde Jayne, among others. [rachelbatesinteriors.com](http://rachelbatesinteriors.com)

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT  
A kitchen project by Rachel with her 'Horatio' dining chairs. Claire Coles' limited-edition peacock panel. Rachel in her dining room. Isadora & Cristobelle Champagne coups. Rachel's drawing room and bedroom with a 'Helene' bedstead

