

AT HOME IN THE OFFICE

The owners of this newly renovated office space, set in a historic former home in Amsterdam's Vondelpark, wanted to maintain the homey feel. The brief they gave designer Maaïke van Diemen was to create 'an office to live in,' she says. 'This gave me the opportunity to use more bold materials. I wanted to do right to the character of the building, and also make a beautiful combination of the classical appearance of the building and the more modern, surprising elements.'

Van Diemen went about this by dressing the walls in shades of grey. In the living room, a horizontal pattern with a slight gradient woven into the textile is the perfect match for tall ceilings with crown moulding and pale parquet wooden floors. While in the conference room, she used the same motif, but in a darker shade. This pattern harmonises beautifully with the playful dotted motif in the adjoining space, which acts as a sitting room complete with comfortable sectional sofa. 'This wallpaper gives a luxurious and calm appearance,' van Diemen says of her choices. 'Because the pattern is woven directly into the wallcovering it makes the room a bit more exciting. The colours add beautifully to the other colours in the room and the carpet.'

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LOCATION

The Netherlands

The spaces throughout the house were kept open plan and fluid, but wallpaper played a key role in differentiating between them. 'The wallpaper makes for a beautiful combination with the other materials in the interior – for example, with the carpets and classic woodwork,' she adds. 'Using wallcoverings with a different pattern in several rooms gives each space a more unique character.'



