

BEST wallpaper

Vices – PaperHands

New Zealand design company PaperHands lends wit to wallpaper.

THIS NEWLY-FOUNDED SMALL New Zealand design company creates beautiful, original wallpapers. But these papers aren't simply beautiful and original but they also manage to exude wit, humour and intelligence. That's a lot to ask from wallpaper, but Paperhands, tucked away in the Hawke's Bay, have done it.

Take Vices – the paper pictured. Very on-trend with the beautifully rendered botanical prints, but look closer and you'll see the plants are tobacco, juniper, hops, cocaine, and coffee. It's not often that a wallcovering can make you giggle, and want to redecorate.

Paperhands also do Ladies, a graphic print based on a sketch designer Ben Masters made of a woman at the beach. Replicated – the woman abstracts into a design that is both pattern and art.

Then there's Native, a Rocco New Zealand flora and fauna print – a fabulous and unique illustration making something new from those frequently trotted out icons – Kowhai, Tui, Paddle Crabs. And that is what Paperhand is so good at: making something new from the familiar. *urbis*

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