Quick Guide to Pattern Mixing

1. Match at Least One Color

Navy & white stripe top

Navy, white, black & blue floral bottom

When mixing patterns try to keep at least one coordinating color between the two patterns. This helps give some continuity to your outfit even though the patterns are different.

Red floral top with white & black

Black & white plaid bottom
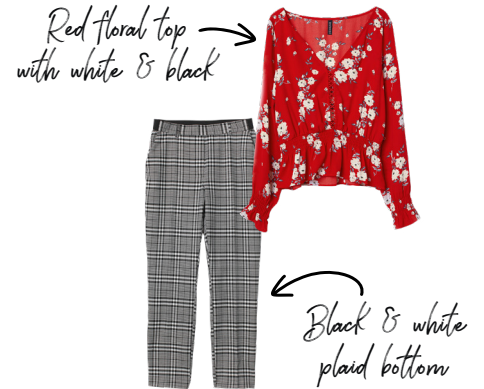
2. Vary Your Pattern Print Sizes

Wide stripe top

Small polka dot bottoms

Mix up your pattern sizes. Do either a large print bottom and small print top or vice versa. If your prints are too similar in size the eye won't know where to go first.

Small polka dot print

Large floral print

3. Follow the Formula

Simple polka dot top

Complex floral bottoms

Every pattern falls into a category of being either busy and complex or clean and simple. When in doubt follow this formula when pairing your patterns and you can't go wrong!

Simple + Complex or **Simple + Simple**

Simple striped shirt

Simple polka dot bottoms

Bonus: Stripes are a Neutral

In the world of pattern mixing think of stripes as a neutral. Their clean lines and simple pattern allow them to be mixed with just about anything!