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## *Nicola Cliffe* THE TEXTILE DESIGNER

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Concern about the environmental impact of synthetic dyes led Nicola Cliffe to create plant-based alternatives, which she uses to print floral patterns onto Scottish-woven linen. Working from her garden studio in Stamford, Lincolnshire, she sews her hand-printed textiles into cushions, pencil cases and lampshades, as well as printing fabric by the metre for home furnishings. Nicola was previously a chemistry teacher and her expertise enables her to create dye pastes using natural ingredients. Her designs are the antithesis of industrially printed fabrics. "I love imperfections and the way all the colours sit together, as they do in nature," she says. Find out more at [maddercutchandco.com](http://maddercutchandco.com).