



This way up

Juliet shares a comical cautionary tale that designers, decorators and gardeners are sure to appreciate.

A young couple, Mike and Lynne, had just purchased their first home and the master bedroom décor was in dire need of an upgrade. Mike worked for a company that employed decorators and arranged for one of the lads, Danny, to do the job while they were at work. The couple agonised over several floral wallpaper designs before finally agreeing on a magnificent purple wisteria selection to be hung as a feature wall behind their bed.

Lynne and Mike bought the wallpaper and booked Danny in for later that week. The couple rushed home from work, they were so excited to see the finished result. But once in the bedroom, they looked at the wisteria wallpaper, looked at one another, and both said, “uh oh!” – Danny had hung the wisteria upside-down!

Mike rang Danny the next day and said, “Mate! You did a good job of hanging that wallpaper, but those flowers are wisteria and you’ve hung them upside down.”

“Wisteria?” he replied, “I thought they were lupins!” BW

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above: It pays to carefully check wallpaper patterns before the hanging starts – not only to make sure the colour matches and the rolls are from the same batch number, but to also make sure the design is orientated in the correct direction. With designs like Resene Wallpaper Collection 5265-1, it can be tricky at first glance to determine which way is up!