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Sneak Pattern Into Chair Backs

Formerly a receiving hall, the dining room of a Chicago row house presented a challenge for decorator Alexandra Kaehler. She had the chairs upholstered in two contrasting fabrics “to bring life, dimension and visual interest to a room without windows or other upholstery,” she said. The Winnetka, Ill., designer covered most of the seats in a solid peacock-blue velvet by Perennials, then—surprise!—applied a Lindsay Cowles print to their backs. “I like to choose durable fabric for seating that will have a lot of wear and tear and then complement with a delicate back.”