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+D: How do you interpret the theme of jungle love?

Minka: I interpret it as a celebration of a lush tropical environment and would create an organic aesthetic. Jungle love makes me think of the Amazon rainforest, lush jungles, exotic plants and animals, and all the natural wonders they contain.

D+D: When thinking of designing in a jungle theme, we often think first of animal prints, patterns and botanicals. What are some of the other elements that bring a softer ode to this?

Minka: While those bold, wild elements can be fun, it's nice to reference the jungle in a more subtle way, such as by incorporating natural materials like rattan, cane, exotic woods, jute rope, bone, shells, seeds and beads.

D+D: Given that biophilic design and jungle design intertwine with each other, would you encourage this design because of the overall health benefits?

Minka: Sure. If a jungle-themed design scheme is what appeals to a client, I would be happy to help them achieve that look—and it would be a huge inspiration to know that the overall health benefits of biophilic design would be a part of that project. Because incorporating biophilic design can be physically, psychologically and emotionally beneficial, we happily advise our clients that it is one more reason to bring the beauty of the natural world into their homes.

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