

The Woodstocker

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The owners of historic Woodstocker went wild with colour. (courtesy of Woodstocker B&B)

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Woodstock is a sweet New England town filled with demure white Federal-style cottages, a stately Episcopalian church and a distinguished history that dates to 1700. Tradition and order rule.

Then there is the Woodstocker B&B, which blows away most of that proper, classic Yankee-style white clapboard and red brick. The Woodstocker's decor is one of a kind: It definitely is not typically Vermont.

This unusual, nine-room B&B is a neon-yellow cottage that is loaded with character and individuality. Call it eclectic, maybe even eccentric. The owners simply went wild with vivid colours, contemporary fittings and indulgent bathrooms in a historic 1800s farmhouse that has been shaken to its foundation.

"Some people are assaulted by the colours, but we don't want to be everything to everyone," co-owner David Livesley said. "Most of all, we did not want gingham tablecloths, lace curtains and frilly bed skirts.

"We have a low chintz factor and we don't do 'death by doily'."

The Woodstocker appeals to travellers with a sense of adventure, whimsy and quirkiness when they choose their lodging.

"Hopefully, it surprises people," Livesley said. "A pleasant surprise."

Here is a short tour around the Woodstocker's flamboyant colour spectrum. The corridors come alive in

