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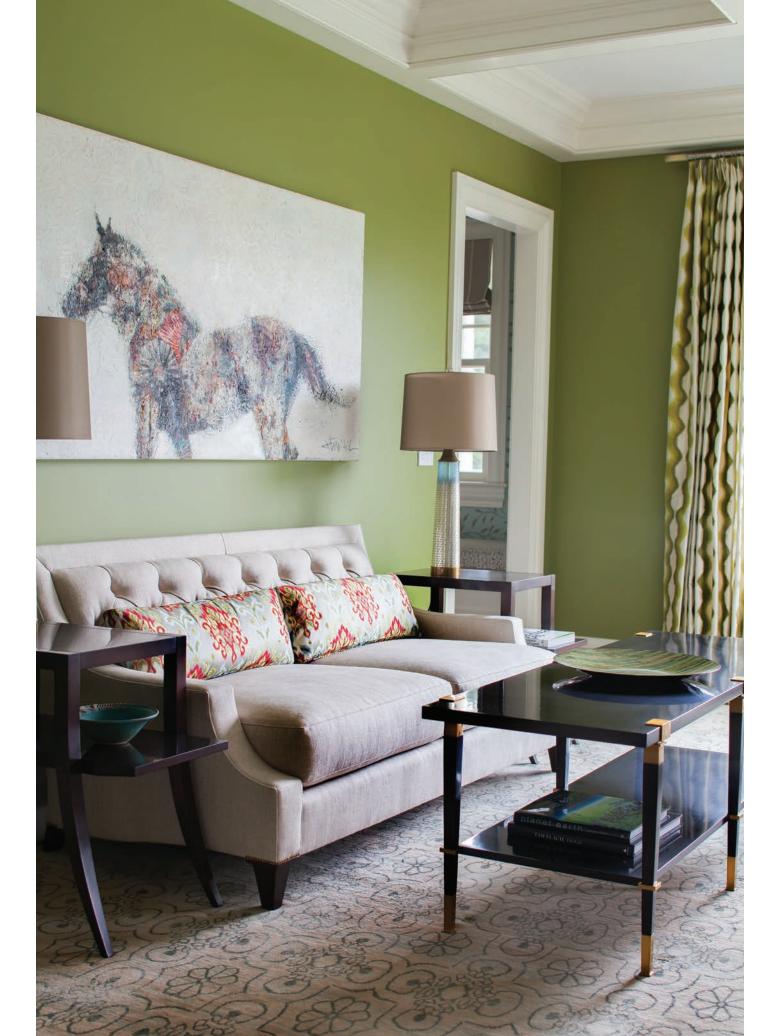






ur culture is an integral part of our identity as unique individuals and, whether consciously or not, most of us want to find ways to present our culture and personality to the world. "Culture is a good part of what I do as a designer," says Sabrina Mastroianni of Sabrina Ann Interior Design. Our home is not only a way to show who we are, but to surround ourselves with the things that make us happy and reflect our innermost spirit and personality. "Design is not just visual; it's also emotional," says Sabrina. "I know a space is complete when it not only looks good, but feels good, too."

Sabrina credits respected interior designer Robin McGarry with helping her discover and refine her own process of approaching design, which is focused on helping her clients bring their personal design visions to life in their homes. "I'm proud not to subscribe to a 'signature style,'" Sabrina says, "as it leaves me open and flexible to work with any client's design preferences." For this project, Sabrina helped the client create a design that would reflect the client's creativity and love of travel and beau-





tifully complement her personal art collection. "It was important to incorporate the artwork in the designs and to showcase the client's artifacts and unique objets d'art from her travels," she says.

The client's artwork clearly inspired and influenced Sabrina's stunning designs. In one room, a rich avocado hue allows the painting to take the spotlight. The clean line of the sofa centered beneath the painting creates the perfect frame, and Sabrina used patterned accent pillows with a brilliant wine color to highlight that same color in the painting. The curtains and decorative plate on the coffee table match the wall color to pull the entire room together. Another piece of artwork is echoed in the upholstery of a side chair and in the patina colors of the large mirror frame.

Having a client with an artistic, whimsical aesthetic allowed Sabrina to play with the design, mixing patterns and furniture styles by masterfully using color and shape to create connection and cohesion. The end result is a tasteful eclecticism that reflects the client's own vivacious personality and lifestyle.

Our homes can be as much an expression of who we are as our clothes and jewelry—perhaps even more so because sometimes our fashion taste has to take a back seat when we present our public face to the world. Inside our homes, however, there are no constraints. Sabrina's designs allow her clients to show their true selves—their culture and their personality—in the most personal and intimate of spaces.



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