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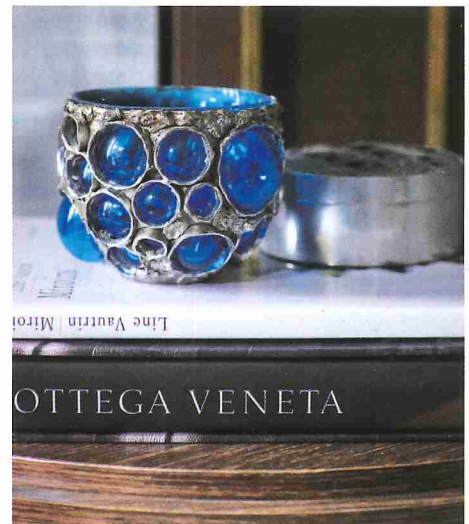
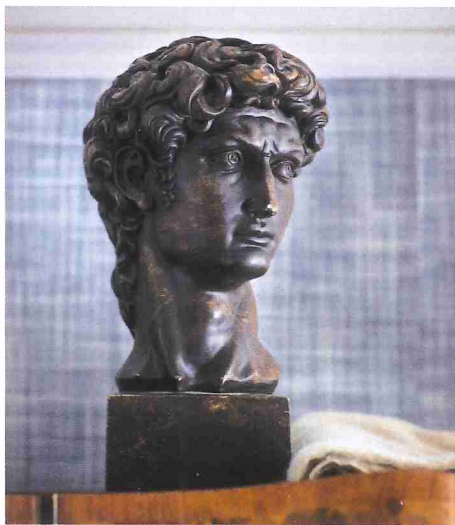
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Dreaming big in a cozy  
Inner Sunset cottage filled with heavenly hues  
and classic charm



# MODERN VINTAGE

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**I** AM STILL IN MY COLOR PHASE,” says interior designer Kelly Hohla, standing in her dining room beside a pair of charreuse chairs with plaid seat cushions and floral-pillow backs. “When I was younger, I did a lot of drawing and painting. I’m sure that influenced how I think about color—its layering and pairing, texture and pattern.” The California native, who studied Visual Arts at UC San Diego, continually cultivates her eye, most recently with design studies abroad in London and Paris.

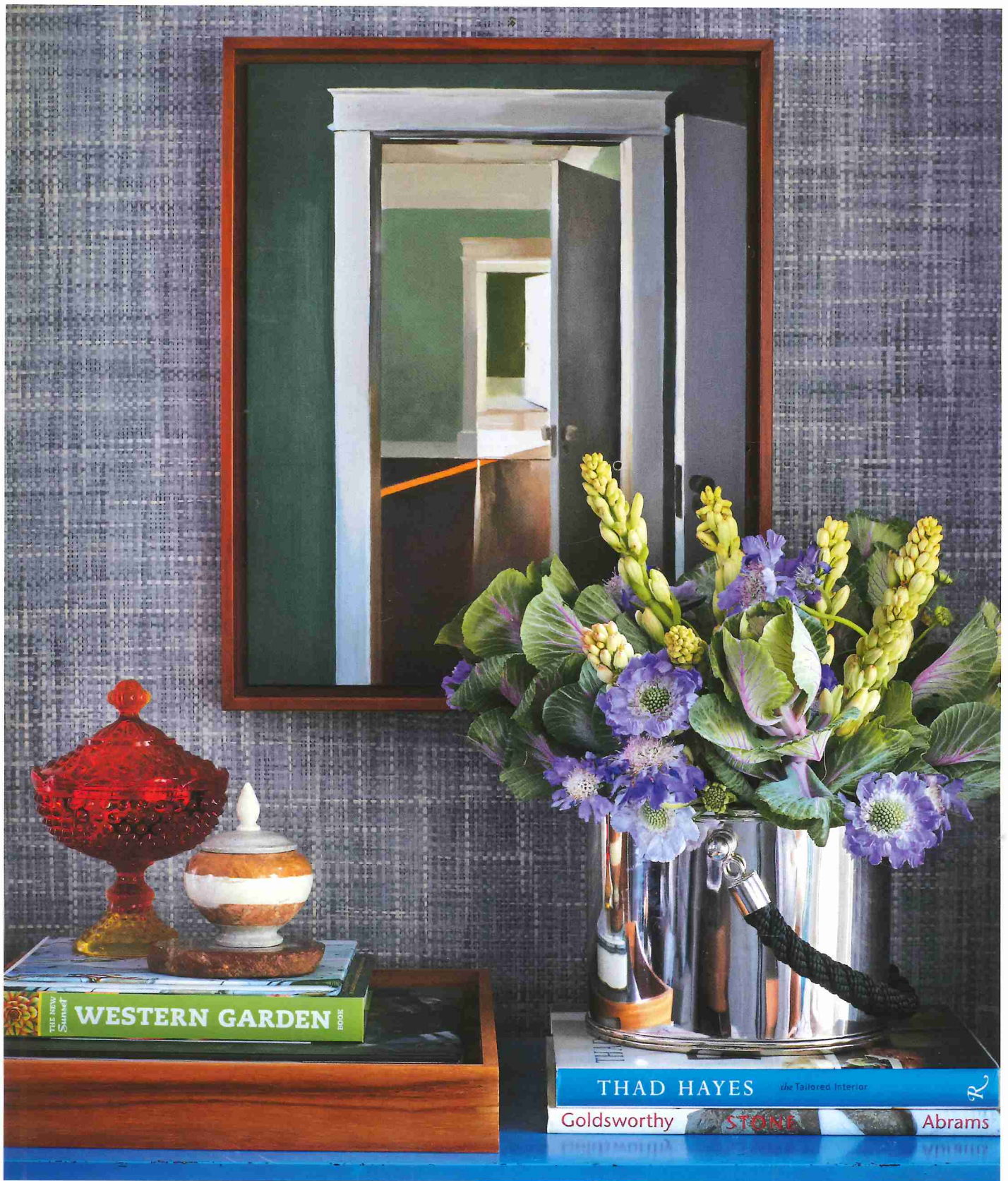
Hohla’s artful, textured approach has endured while her style has evolved. This year, with 14 years in the industry and a reputation for bespoke inte-

riors sporting an unexpected edge, the designer launched her eponymous practice. Hohla and her financial manager husband, Scott Standridge, also recently purchased a two-story 1910 cottage in San Francisco’s Inner Sunset neighborhood—giving her a personal design lab as well.

“When you’re starting out as a design assistant, you can’t afford what your clients have!” she notes. “You try to find fun ways to make things interesting. I loved to collect vintage furniture and clothes, because they add a lot of personality.” Her new home still features favorite vintage finds, but they have been joined by more recent acquisitions. “Now that we are in a place where we want to stay,” Hohla says, “investing in those special pieces makes sense.”

**Design Buzz** (OPPOSITE PAGE) In the living room, Galbraith & Paul Hive pillows top vintage armchairs that flank a Classicon Bell side table under a 1960s Vistosi chandelier. Roman shades in a Groundworks fabric with a contrasting band of Pindler & Pindler fabric are through Leong Interiors. **In The Details** (ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT) A bust of Michelangelo’s David; interior designer Kelly Hohla; a 1960s blue blown-glass and fused-metal vase by Fantoni through Amarcord Fine Decorative Arts. See Resources.





**Shades Of Gray**

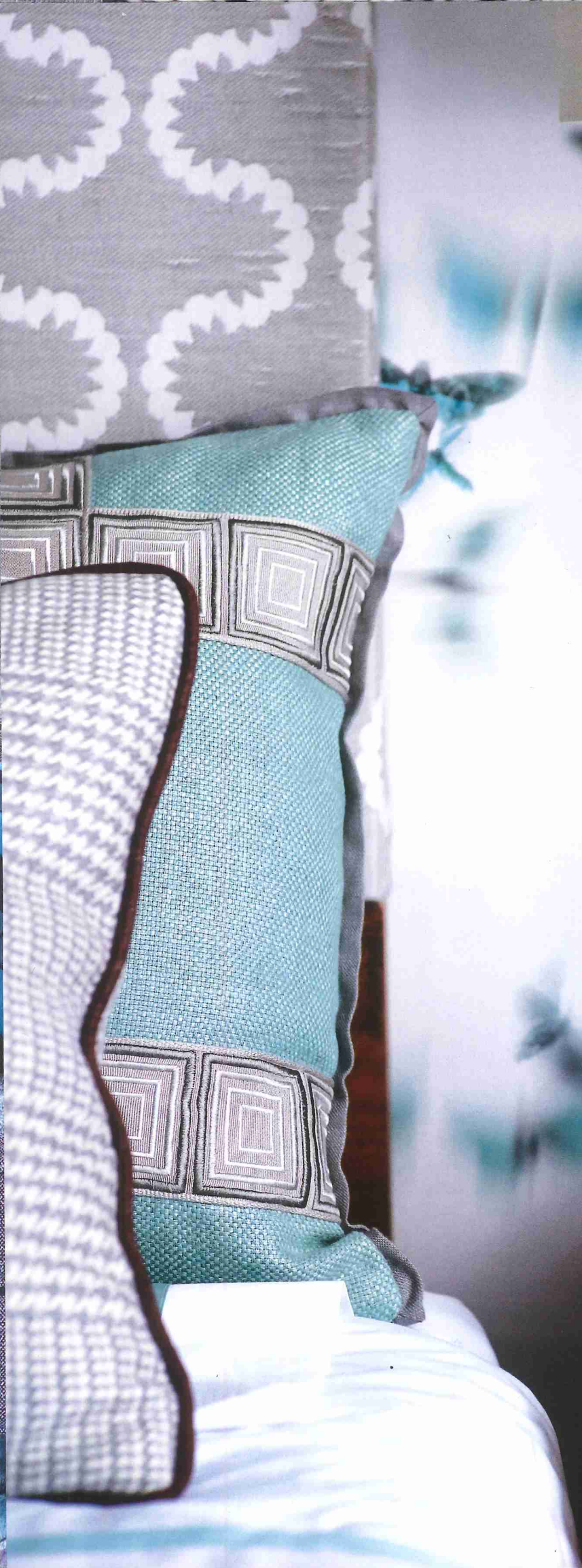
(OPPOSITE PAGE) A Barbara Vaughn piece from Dolby Chadwick hangs over a Room & Board Hutton sofa. The Debra Weninger coffee table is through Sloan Miyasato. Living room walls are dressed in a blue-gray Phillip Jeffries grasscloth (RIGHT) through De Sousa Hughes. Amanda Hanlon oil painting is through Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts. See Resources.

The couple's quarters total about 1,000 square feet, with a ground-level design studio occupying an additional 700 square feet. Entering through the home's blue front door, visitors are greeted by a living room sheathed in a dapper blue-gray Phillip Jeffries woven wallpaper. ("Unfortunately, my cats love it, too," says Hohla of rescues Coco and Oliver.) The designer's favorite hues—blue, gray and purple—imbue the room with a cool color vibe and are picked up in a Moroccan-inspired rug found on One Kings Lane.

In front of the bay windows, a pair of armchairs—\$5 flea-market scores that are upholstered in an orange plaid—happily coexist beside one of the home's splurges: a Classicon Bell side table, which Hohla likens to a "jewel

piece." The nearby chest of drawers, painted a bright blue, once belonged to Standridge's grandmother. Overhead, a 1960s Vistosi glass chandelier radiates a pale glow. And pillows in an array of prints adorn a tufted gray Hutton sofa from Room & Board.

Across the hall in the master bedroom, midcentury nightstands flank a bed with a headboard the homeowners constructed by repurposing a wooden desk. Two vintage portraits and a metal sculpture that channels Curtis Jeré are mounted on a wall covered in Trove's Ahza print. "I love the movement," says Hohla of the paper's multitude of fluttering moths. "It's elegant but also kind of trippy."



# GIO PONTI

Ugo La Pietra

**Lucid Dreaming** (THIS SPREAD) In the master bedroom, Trove Ahza wallpaper through De Sousa Hughes is complemented by a vintage wall sculpture and Raoul Textiles bed cover in teal and cream. Blanket is through Holland & Sherry. David Hicks wool rug is through Stark Carpet. Table lamps are vintage through Coup d'Etat. See *Resources*.









**Collective Soul** (OPPOSITE PAGE) Cole & Son Hexagon wallpaper through Lee Jofa makes a bold statement in the office. Gray leather Troscan Galway side chair is through De Sousa Hughes. Wool rug from the Nina Campbell Collection is through Stark Carpet. A growing collection of art adorns the shelves. A vintage painting (THIS PAGE) from The Other Shop hangs over the office bar area, where vintage ice bucket and tongs, decanters and stacked trays are on display. See Resources.





#### Artful Arrangement

Vintage dining table and chairs (OPPOSITE PAGE) from Past Perfect complement a Mark Nelson Design custom area rug designed by Hohla. A Robert Belinsky equine painting anchors a wall of art that includes paintings (LEFT, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP) by Brian Blackham, Lisa Russell and Ada Sadler from Dolby Chadwick Gallery. See Resources.

The living room and bedroom are testaments to the designer's love of fabrics. The window treatments and bedding are the handiwork of Doreen Leong. "I am obsessed with the tiny details that tie it all together," Hohla notes, referring to Leong's dressmaker details. "I always advise not to skimp on the fabric selections. They add warmth and really set the tone and personality for your home."

Hohla's "little vintage hallway of fashion"—with sartorial illustrations on one side and photographs from a Richard Avedon book on the other—leads to the dining room where vintage furniture dominates. A collection of art includes a Robert Bilensky equine painting that anchors a salon-style display.

While Hohla's keen design eye is evident throughout, Standridge also contributed in meaningful ways. In the living room, he retrofitted the Art Deco burl-wood armoire to accommodate a TV. In his office, he constructed the industrial brass light fixture.

Together, the duo has created a home filled with character. "I think we lucked out with the house because it is so small, and that doesn't work for everyone," says Hohla. In fact, it may be surprising that the place works for the six-foot-tall Hohla and six-foot-two-inches-tall Standridge. "I feel like we're these two giants living in this dream cottage," she says. "And it should be too small for us, but it just ends up being cozy." ✨