

a whole house of POP

This Westport, CT, home is bursting with fun, fearless decorating moves.

Hot-gluing colorful pencils on a vase is easy-peasy pow.

Bright blue, green, and pink pop against all the white. Shade fabric by Flat Vernacular features all three.



Eva with, from left, Major, 4; baby Mateo; and Marlowe, 6

What do you get when you take a historic East Coast home and fill it with exhilarating color, pattern, and a little cheekiness? “George Washington meets George Michael,” says Eva Amurri, whose partly traditional, partly eccentric style radiates all over her place in Westport, CT. After buying the 1840s Victorian, the lifestyle blogger spent almost a year bringing it up to date for her and her three young kids. To-dos included smoothing the heavily textured walls for a current look, refinishing the wood floors and replacing boards where needed (some were almost 200 years old!), and opening up the kitchen to the living room for a more casual space. Eva worked with designer Prudence Bailey to merge the spirit of the old home with her family’s energy. Says Eva, “The look is a nod to the past, a nod to what the house has been, and an air-kiss to the future.”



Art from Sonder Living is graphic and classic.

living room Eva dared to do a white sofa, by Taylor Burke Home, as a base for the room’s pops of color. “It’s performance velvet that doesn’t stain—and my kids have tried,” she says. Small-but-mighty detail: The lilac trim of the citron swivel chair (also by Taylor Burke Home) matches the drapes (made with fabric by Schumacher). Sheepskin benches bring texture and glam.

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kitchen The contrast of the blue-black island (painted Soot by Benjamin Moore) and the marble countertop gives the room that wow feeling in a timeless sort of way. "Our island is the heart of our home—it draws us to it like a magnet!" says Eva. "Rattan stools, by Palecek, and elongated hexagon tiles installed vertically bring in modern flair," says designer Prudence. The pendants are by The Urban Electric Co.

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reading nook This was once an itty-bitty office that Eva dreamed into a "snuggle nook," as her family calls it. "We use it every single day," she says. Proving you can be maximalist in the tiniest spot, a bold, colorful wallpaper by Flat Vernacular coexists gorgeously with the black-and-white daybed cushion fabric by Brunschwig & Fils. Abstract drape and bolster fabric by Kravet balance them out.

Major can often be found here reading nonfiction books about animals, insects, and planes. "He's my little brainiac," says Eva.



bathroom Located on the third floor, it's loaded with old-school character: a roll-top tub by Barclay; a vintage metal, marble, and wood vanity relocated from a first-floor bathroom; and star-patterned cement tiles by Cement Tile Shop. A pair of shower curtains made with Rebecca Atwood fabric and hung from the ceiling gives a touch of luxe.

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mateo's bedroom Tiger wallpaper in a nursery is pretty wild, but the Flat Vernacular design is right in keeping with the home's uninhibited style. Eva continued the theme with jungle green drapes by Loom Decor and a mossy name sign from Custom Botanique. Mateo's current favorite activity: taking plush animals in and out of the baskets. "It's the only time I get anything done," says Eva.



Velvet drapes hang on the side walls of the window niche for extra drama.



main bedroom Sure, a black-and-white space can pop! The ebony and linen bed from RH, a pair of crimson velvet pillows, and the bench's showstopping fabric by Schumacher make for quite the bold combo. Metallic details on the nightstands by Gabby and the black-and-brass lights by Robert Abbey add spirited style.

“The bed captures the vibe of my house—a historical look with a modern edge.”
—Eva

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kids' bathroom The original hex tile floor and existing vanity had their charms. Eva cuted them up with tiered sconces by Circa Lighting and vibrant leafy wallpaper by Katie Kime. “I love bringing nature inside with a palm-leaf print, and this one can grow with the kids,” says Eva. A graphic wastebasket from a local store boosts the pattern play.



now get the look



crib

Delta Children Aster 54"W x 31"D x 36"H wood crib in Bianca white and ebony, \$240, walmart.com



bust

Charlton Home Ziebarth Horse 5"W x 10"D x 12"H wood bust, \$72, wayfair.com



pillows

From left: 18" x 18" velvet pillow in emerald, \$40, cb2.com; Vianne 12" x 30" velvet pillow cover in pink, \$37.50, overstock.com



mirror

Tenaya 20½"H x 36"W iron mirror in silver leaf finish, \$279, signaturehardware.com



rug

Kasbah 5' x 8' wool and cotton rug in slate, \$400, westelm.com



pendant

Robert Abbey Brighton 13"-diameter metal pendant in modern brass finish, \$599, houzz.com



table

Docksta 29½"H x 40½"-diameter laminate and powder-coated-steel table, \$179, ikea.com



blanket

Frida Kahlo Kantha 90" x 108" cotton blanket, \$49, namocreation.etsy.com



wallpaper

Safari wallpaper, \$188 per double roll, katiekime.com



basket

Colonial Mills Prevé 12"-tall polypropylene basket in white and black, \$100, kohls.com



planters

Neon Rainbow 2¾"-tall stoneware planter, \$28, and 4½"-tall planter, \$42, both abbyberkson.com



drapes

Convertible Malachite cotton drapery in Amazon, from \$198, loomdecor.com



counter stool

Bailey Woven 26½"-tall resin, polyester, and aluminum stool, \$299, ballarddesigns.com