

# A Gallery at home

Art is everywhere in this Malibu, CA, house.

**D**ana Schweiger's home has a lot in common with other breezy beach houses in Malibu, CA: white walls, vaulted ceilings, reclaimed wood floors. But that's where the similarities end. Dana, a furniture dealer who lives part-time in Germany, wanted to fill her rooms with electric colors, vintage furniture, and, most important, quirky art. "To me, a blank wall is like having an empty soul," she says. She found the perfect person to help her in designer Christine Horbach, a fellow art lover she met through the local German expat community. "We both have a rebellious nature, and you see that in the design," says Christine. The women scoured flea markets and sites like Chairish for furniture and decor, then spent hours creating gallery walls for nearly every room. "Art gives me comfort," says Dana, whose four kids (Valentin, 28; Luna, 26; Lilli, 25; and Emma Tiger, 21) visit her here often. "I could be in this house all by myself and I'd never feel alone."



PAINT MATCH  
**Be Cool**  
by Dunn-Edwards

**Living Room**  
Christine showed Dana this vibrant silk Minasian rug along with two gray options. When Dana picked the colorful one, Christine said, "OK, girl, we're going to freak out in this house!" And that's just what Dana wanted. To highlight the built-in nook, Christine painted it black and hung a diptych, then piled colorful pillows on the bench. The eye art above the nook is by Jonathan Adler.







**Entry**

Dana's four kids are constantly coming and going, and she needed a landing spot. A CB2 console and two stools (the gold one is a CB2 side table; the purple is vintage Knoll) were the perfect solution. The large canvas is from Chairish.



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Dark Engine  
by Dunn-Edwards

**Dining Room**

Dana bought everything for the house in one year, but she and Christine strove for a collected-over-time look. Here they chose mid-century pieces like a Saarinen dining table and groovy '70s accents like the purple wall art. The portrait is based on a photo of Dana's daughter Lilli; Dana met the artist at a flea market.





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**Muddy Rose**  
by Dunn-Edwards

“ This house always attracts the most interesting, artistic people. It’s an amazing place for a party! ”  
—Dana

**Guest Bedroom**

A group of prints from Desenio sets a cheeky tone for this room. Dana leaned into an Old Hollywood look with ballet pink walls, velvet upholstery, and a painted floor that resembles marble. Custom drapes echo the channeling on the bed—it’s like one giant, luxurious headboard! The chair is a flea market find that she reupholstered to match.



## Main Bedroom

The spool bed is one of the only items Dana owned before the redesign. "It's from India and handmade, and I just fell in love with it," she says. The beadboard walls were a blank canvas for rainbow art from Chairish and juju hats from Cameroon that she bought from Juju Hat Company on Etsy. The nightstands are from Safavieh and the lamps are from Currey & Company.



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This room shows that you can use old traditional pieces and still make them feel very fresh.

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—Christine



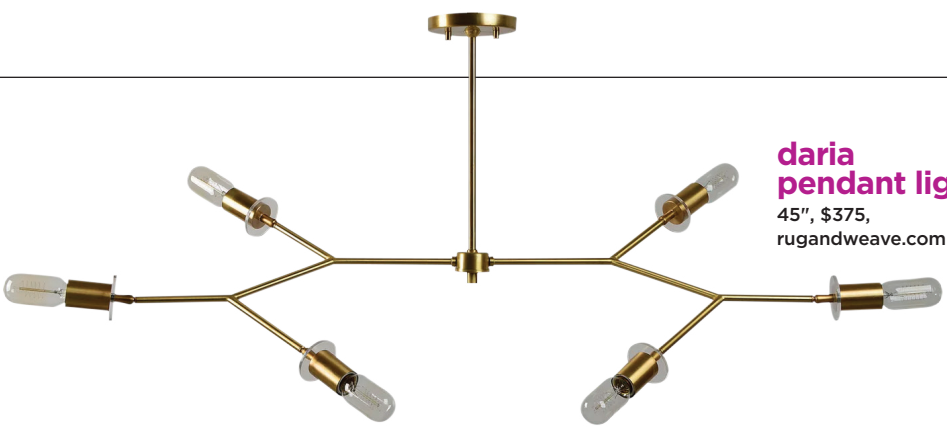
## Pick Art Like a Pro

Designer Christine Horbach shares her best tips.

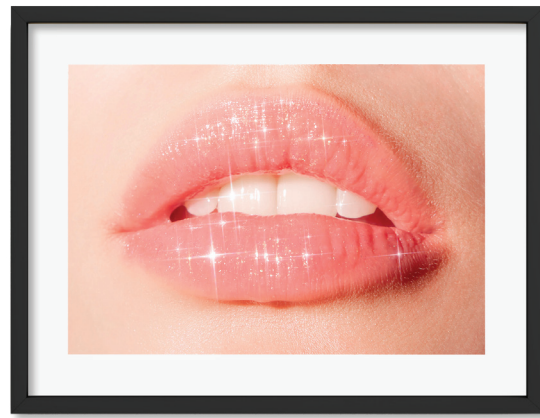
- ▶ Start with how you want the room to feel—youthful? dramatic? cozy?—and let those descriptions guide your art choices.
- ▶ To create a gallery wall, find two or three major pieces that you feel connected to, then build the rest of the wall around them.
- ▶ Don't be afraid to mix media. Photos, paintings, mirrors, decorative plates, and objects you find at the flea market can all look great together. The more colors and shapes, the better.
- ▶ Once you have your pieces, lay them out on the floor, or snap photos and import them into a document on your computer. Keep moving the items around until you like the arrangement.
- ▶ Treat the frame like a piece of art, too. Choose an unexpected color like neon yellow, or try a double frame.



# Now Get the look



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