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JONATHAN RACHMAN

Jonathan Rachman's fashion-inspired foyer brought glam to this Pacific Heights grande dame. He transformed the entry and stairway of the traditional residence into sexy, monochromatic spaces accessorized with gold, Champagne-andsmoke-tinted mirrors and custom furnishings. Certified Kate Moss-approved.



ANTONIO MARTINS

Antonio Martins's masterful homage to his heritage was inspired by a Portuguese Bilros bed that has been in his family since the 17th century. Giving the piece pride of place, Martins extended his ancestral approach to the walls, covering them in 243 blue and white Azulejos, traditional Portuguese tiles that were handpainted by San Francisco artists Linda Horning and Katherine Jacobus. The result is an unforgettable space that adds a new chapter to Martins's family legacy.





History In The Making

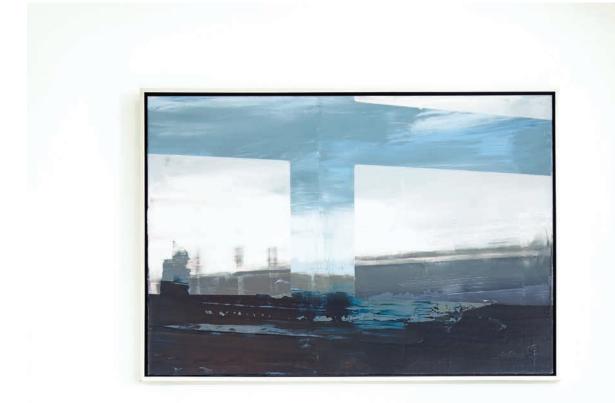
Against a virtuosic tile installation, a baroque bed holds court in the master bedroom (ABOVE AND LEFT); Martins juxtaposed it with pieces like Discoveries, a rope installation of his own design and John Dickinson table. Jonathan Rachman's chic foyer (TOP RIGHT) features an Ironies chandelier, area rug and stair runner from Vaheed Taheri. Wallpaper is from Holland & Sherry. Matthew MacCaul Turner's artist's studio (RIGHT) is furnished with pieces from C. Mariani Antiques; upholstery is by Jovinas. See Resources.

MATTHEW MACCAUL TURNER

"California's rugged beauty has long been a source of inspiration for artists, many of whom crafted works en plein air," says MacCaul Turner of the impetus for his artist's studio. The designer worked with galleries Lost Art Salon, Dolby Chadwick and Hackett | Mill to curate a collection that captured the spirit of regional landscape painting. Completed with antique furnishings and a paint-splattered floor, it is a space that is all about bohemian chic.

MELANIE CODDINGTON

By conjuring the atmosphere of the Bay, Melanie Coddington created a serene, luminous bedroom. Showcased against the backdrop of the blue-gray palette are pieces that reflect the designer's feminine-but-modern sensibility, including a custom sea-blue mohair velvet bed, an antique olivewood Rococo-style commode, and a stunning 19th-century albino tortoise shell.







Pacific Hues A ghostly albino turtle shell (LEFT) from C. Mariani Antiques is a focal point in Melanie Coddington's guest room; Emanuel Bernstone's Landscape II from Dolby Chadwick Gallery hangs above the hearth. Heather Hilliard's living room (ABOVE AND RIGHT) features draperies in a Jasper textile, Ironies accessories from Kneedler | Fauchère and a Jiun Ho Colina sofa upholstered in Rogers & Goffigon Bechamel fabric. Stephen de Staebler's Figure with Sharp Wing from Dolby Chadwick
Gallery graces the corner. See Resources.





HEATHER HILLIARD LIVING ROOM

Drawing, too, on Californian pastoral,
Heather Hilliard created a space that honors
the natural beauty of the landscape: The deep
blue of the Jiun Ho sofa evokes the Pacific,
while its curves align with the hills beyond,
and the gorgeous wall treatment by decorative
painter Willem Racké is inspired by geological strata. Midcentury pieces by Jean-Marc
Fray and Jacques Adnet add weight and
texture with iron bronze and leather texture with iron, bronze and leather.





The Art Of Living In the Autumn space (TOP) of the "Walk of Life" garden, the passage is bordered by curvilinear walls; the Winter space is dominated by an installation of mirrored plinths. The Spring space (ABOVE), laden with new plantings, is the portal to the garden. See Resources.

KATE WEBSTER & THAYER HOPKINS

Landscape architect Kate Webster and architect Thayer Hopkins designed the "Walk of Life" garden to be a contemplative space. It is divided into four sections, each representing a season of life: The journey starts with Spring, lined with rhododendrons and greenery, and concludes with Winter, highlighted by a mirrored sculpture garden. Along the way, the spaces provide opportunities for metaphoric and literal self-reflection.

BAMO

The music room by Michael Booth and Steve Henry of BAMO is tradition re-imagined. Here, heirlooms meet the 21st century: An acrylic Alexandra Von Furstenberg console table pairs with a antique settee covered in silk satin; an iconic Gerrit Rietveld chair partners with a 19th-century French Bouillotte table lamp; and contemporary works by Marc Katano, Laurie Reid and Ruth Pastine bring modern pop to traditional wood paneling. Although it has elements of formality, the music room is ultimately a space for expression.