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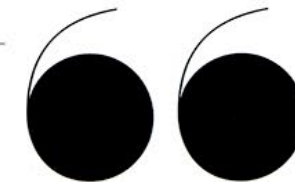
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LUXE INTERIORS + DESIGN WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR 2017 GOLD LIST: A LOOK BACK AT THE PAST YEAR IN DESIGN WITH THE PROLIFIC TALENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSPIRING AND ASPIRATIONAL HOMES FEATURED IN THE PAGES OF OUR MAGAZINE— FROM ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS TO HOME BUILDERS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT ARE LEADING THE INDUSTRY IN FRESH AND EXCITING WAYS.



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## ESSENTIAL TIPS ON FASHIONING A QUALITY LIVING SPACE

1. Create separate sitting areas in the living room for a dynamic multifunctional space—a sectional makes a great spot for watching television, for example, while a cozy wingback by a window becomes the perfect reading nook.
2. Add color through artwork, using the piece's color palette as inspiration for the fabrics and rugs.
3. Enliven a room that lacks significant architectural interest by using wallpaper to create a focal wall or adding crown molding.
4. Invest in quality primary pieces, such as a beautifully made, comfortable sofa, to personify the space and set the tone for the living area.
5. Dark, moody paint colors are particularly of-the-moment, but be sure to put some serious thought into the color of your walls in your living space before committing; they'll be the foundation for your design.



For the living room of a Boulder residence, designer Erin Iba worked with layers of texture and saturated colors to create a sleek eye-catching space. She commissioned a large painting from New York-based The Alpha Workshops and then had the nonprofit craft the hand-painted wallpaper covering the fireplace surround. A sofa upholstered with a chocolate-colored velvet, a tone-on-tone hide rug and a rustic wood-and-chrome coffee table lend dimension.



**ERIN IBA**  
Designer

**What is your starting point when designing a living space?** I try to start with something meaningful to the owner. Do they have an end table from their grandmother? A piece of art purchased as an anniversary gift? Or a chair with which they can't part? Once that is said and done, I decide the layout. Then the function of the room will determine the palette.

**Explain how you approach the furniture plan of a space.** This is very much dictated by a room's function. If you have a den for watching TV and enjoying family time, then you may not need a sofa in your living room. I like to include versatile pieces that can work for two people or a gathering of six. Wherever you sit down, though, there needs to be an easy place to rest a drink.

**How did the design of this living room unfold?** The wife is very glamorous, and the husband is more modern. They wanted this to be a child-free zone, where they could unwind and entertain, so the idea for a "sexy martini lounge" was born! During the day it's bright and peaceful, and at night it's cozy and moody.

**Any tricks to mixing color and pattern?** Using multiple shades and textures is how you bring it all together. The patterns will just look right or wrong. I like to squint my eyes and look at the scheme. If something stands out too much, then it isn't right.