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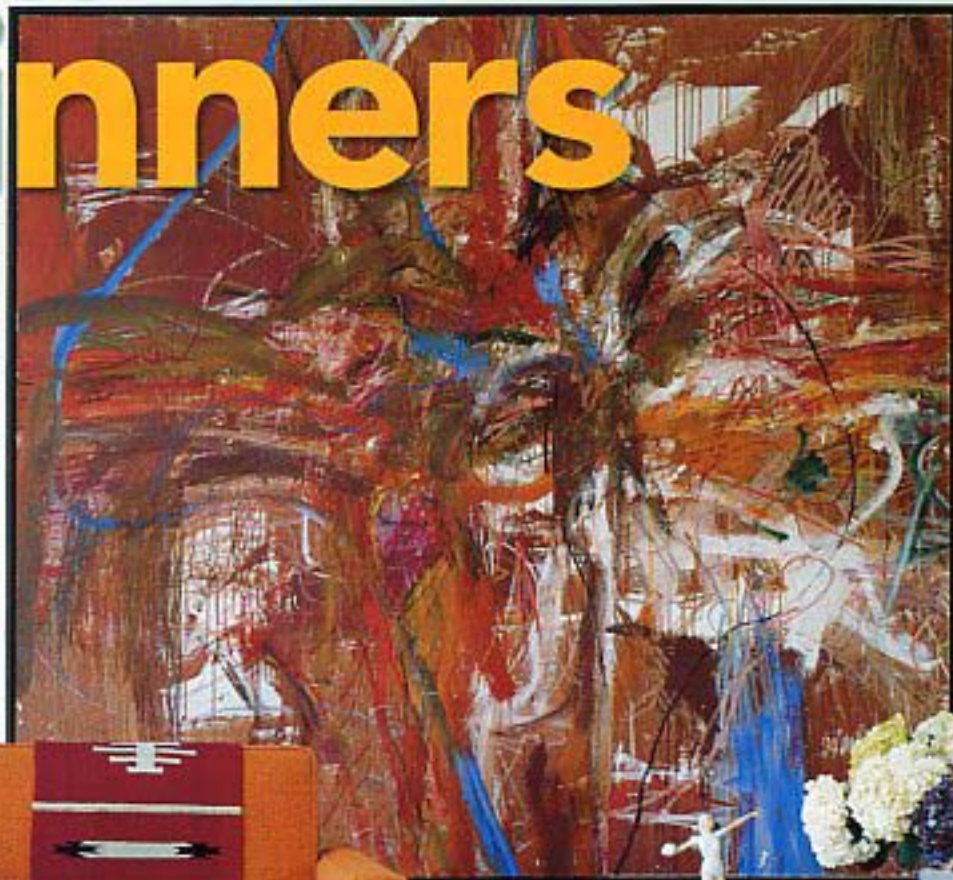
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## AN ASPIRING INTERIOR DESIGNER TURNED A HOUSE IN HISTORIC CHARLESTON INTO A MODERNIST'S DELIGHT.

**Angie & Victor Hranowsky, Charleston, SC** The Hranowskys moved from Miami to Charleston to get back to their roots. "We wanted," Angie says, "a more peaceful place to live and raise a family." The house they found, a 1940s single-story Sears kit bungalow in Avondale, one of the city's up-and-coming neighborhoods, provided a great canvas, a place where Angie, a graphic designer, could unleash her passion for decorating.

"Even though I gave my mother a headache when I insisted on making my room at college perfect," she says, "it never dawned on me until a few years ago that I really wanted to be an interior designer." Taking on the 1,075-square-foot house supplied her with the perfect chance to expand her horizons.

She turned the home into a modern haven full of things that she and Victor, who is a personal chef, have collected from the places they've lived and the travels they've taken.

In the living room, Clarence House fabrics cover the windows, and a Verner Panton chandelier (found on eBay) and a Noguchi floor lamp illuminate the space. A modern sofa from Richter faces two armchairs upholstered in white canvas, which Angie found at a Miami flea market. She covered a classic Saarinen chair in purple Ultrasuede. In the kitchen, she and Victor installed Ikea cabinets to complement a new tile backsplash.

Now every room captures the couple's warm style. "It's no longer just Victor and myself," Angie points out. "We have a rambunctious three-year-old, Loulou, and an expected baby brother. Our home not only makes us feel good, it makes everyone who visits feel good." ☘

*See Resources, last pages.*

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Clockwise (from top left): Victor and Angie Hranowsky with daughter Loulou; in the dining room a custom Parsons table pops against turquoise walls; Angie sewed together maize mats to make one large rug for the bedroom; a George Nelson chest takes pride of place in the dining room; the couple relandscaped the plot and added a modern deck. Opposite: A sunporch, which Angie uses as an office, opens off the living room.

