**CURRENTS (TRENDSETTERS)**

**The Color Manager**

**ANGIE HRANOWSKY**

In historic Charleston, a midcentury marvel goes for the richest hues.

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO Angie Hranowsky, then a graphic designer, remade a lowly 1940s Sears kit house in Charleston, South Carolina, with sumptuous dining room walls and a chocolate brown grasscloth ceiling in the den. The assortment of midcentury furnishings included a Saarinen chair covered in purple Ultraleather. The renovation cost was low on budget, high on statement. In a town ruled by rigid preservation, the little house of color got noticed. Hranowsky left graphics for interior design: “This is what I was put on the planet to do,” she says.

Today, Hranowsky’s flamboyant makeup is in demand with clients from Charleston to San Francisco. She’s built a reputation as a designer who has been consistently ahead of the trends, buying midcentury pieces in flea markets before midcentury was a national preoccupation and dispensing heavy doses of purple and hot pink before Pantone caught up. “It’s not deliberate, just instinctual,” she says. “I see the colors and patterns in my head.”

Her rooms may not be beachy in an overt sense, but they are nonetheless seamlessly suited to the coast. “Coastal” for me is not white and blues and shells,” she says. “When you live by the coast, it’s a free-flowing lifestyle. I like spaces to be relaxed and lived-in. I want to design spaces where people hang out.” —MC

**TRENDWATCH Color**

“I’m in these deep, moody colors like turquoises and coralish reds.” —Angie Hranowsky

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