

THE EXPERTS

Decorating Wisdom Straight From the Pros

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True Colorist

When Miles Redd is your boss, you'd better know how to work a room. With her keen eye for eccentric pieces and kaleidoscopic palettes, designer Blake Brunson helps propel the New York firm's provocative vision.



Blake Brunson and her own Cy Twombly-inspired artwork in her Manhattan apartment. The parquet floor is stained in an ebony hue based on an Albert Hadley design.

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A client's dining room designed by Brunson and Miles Redd. Crystal-and-gilt metal ship chandelier from Jonathan Burden.



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“WHAT’S MORE NEUTRAL than sky blue and grass green?” asks Blake Brunson, who recently lacquered the walls of her kitchen a glossy Prussian hue. Given that the 31-year-old Alabama native has spent the past seven years as the right-hand gal to the “King of Color,” designer Miles Redd, her gravitation toward the theatrical is no surprise. A key Redd lesson? Good design lies in the union of form and function. “Some people spend all the money in the world on terribly uncomfortable, cold rooms,” she says. “But we want you to walk in thinking it’s the most inviting place you’ve ever been, and that you’ll be sad to go.”

HER FAVORITE THINGS

- 1. FOLSOM CARPET IN TRUE LEOPARD** “It seems like a ridiculous option, but it’s actually practical, because it hides all manner of sins.” starkcarpet.com
- 2. CHATSWORTH HOUSE** “Our firm had tea with the Duke of Devonshire in his private parlor, which was marvelously grand yet cozy, with upholstered pale-blue faille walls stacked with art.” chatsworth.org
- 3. LIPSTICK IN RUBY WOO** \$17. maccosmetics.com
- 4. MADDOX PULL IN AGED BRASS** From \$19 each. rh.com
- 5. WEeping PINE WALLPAPER** “I have this in my bedroom—it’s bold yet soothing.” fschumacher.com
- 6. BABY’S BREATH** “It gets a bad rap, but I love bunches in a vase. It’s inexpensive, and it lasts forever.”
- 7. HOLLYHOCK LINEN IN WHITE/CORAL** “I’m into ‘little old lady’ decorating! I came of age in the Laura Ashley era, so florals feel grounding and homey.” leejofa.com
- 8. IT WAS YELLOW AND PINK III BY GEORGIA O’KEEFFE** “Dynamic female artists who march to the beat of their own drums speak to me.”
- 9. AMAZON MOSS PAINT** “I find green very comforting.” benjaminmoore.com
- 10. GEORGE III GILTWOOD MIRROR** “The bigger it is, the more light it catches. We want it to kiss the ceiling.” 1stdibs.com

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