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AS PART OF OUR ANNUAL COMPENDIUM ON REGIONAL STYLE, WE'VE TURNED TO THE MOST TRUSTED NAMES IN LOCAL DESIGN TO DISCOVER TIPS, TRENDS AND IDEAS ON WHAT DRIVES DESIGN AESTHETICS TODAY.



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Establishing a striking entry is vital, according to interior designer Deborah Wecselman. "It sets the tone for the rest of your home and is the first thing people see," she says. Here, Wecselman, the creative visionary behind this classic Parisian-inspired vestibule, shares her top tips for always making a stylish first impression. dwdinc.com

Give it a story. Ground the space with wallpaper, paneling or artwork. You can sprinkle in surprising elements, but the cohesive theme and underlying narrative should always be clear.

Light it right. Hidden lighting—concealed in recesses or floating under a baseboard—is always sexy. And, a vintage light fixture can be a feast for the eyes.

Create focal points. Whether it's artwork, a graphic wallcovering or an interesting mirror, make sure you love the elements you choose to embellish the foyer.

DESIGN THEORY

FIVE TOP INTERIOR TALENTS IN SOUTH FLORIDA SPILL ON HOW TO DESIGN HIGH-IMPACT LIVING SPACES WITH SHOWSTOPPING COLOR AND PERSONALITY.



ADRIANA HOYOS

What is the top design trend

you're loving right now? I love the use of hues like royal blue and burgundy in velvet upholstery. Jewel-toned hesitant to spend money velvets have such a soft and luxurious effect, turning a sofa or chair into the hero of a room. Favorite color for a high-impact living space: | like Sherwin-Williams' Loyal Blue SW 6510. Not only does this color add glamour and a strong personality to a room, it also provides great contrast for lighter-hued contemporary art. adrianahoyos.com



FEDERICO TERAN

Is there an often-overlooked element of design that really matters for a well-styled space? Many people are on good art, but it's so important. I always try to invite my clients to invest in a few great pieces that will make an impact in the room. Most important item to splurge on: Rugs are key for me. An amazing rug is a springboard; I use it to choose the palette and textures for the rest of the room. fededesign.com



GIL WALSH

Go-to color for a great living space: Red creates excitement, exudes a sense of warmth and coziness, and works well with a variety of skin tones. My favorite shade is Benjamin Moore's Caliente AF-290. What are your thoughts on antiques? I'm passionate about antiques and use them to bring individuality into a room. They can vary from small objects, like a Tiffany lamp, to a statement piece, like a Chippendale-style chest. gilwalsh.com



CHARLOTTE DUNAGAN

What is the most important item to splurge on in a living space? Great architectural and decorative lighting. These elements create drama and set the mood for entertaining. Design trend you're loving right now: For Miami, I like "modern tropical" architecture and design. This style allows for a clean-lined yet warm look. You can also be more versatile with furnishings and finishes, which can range from midcentury modern to sleek Italian pieces. dunagandiverio.com



SARA MCCANN

How important are antiques in a home? love working vintage or antique pieces into my projects; they give the home personality and add depth. We're fortunate to have Dixie Highway, aka Antique Row, nearby. Is there an element that you feel makes or breaks a well-designed room? The details-contrast, welts, trims, custom fabric lampshadesand always making sure the space is livable. mccanndesigngroup.com