

★ **Vibrant Interiors: Living Large at Home**

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Visually stunning and packed with advice, *Vibrant Interiors* serves up plenty of inspiration for adding spice and life to every type of interior space. Author and designer Andrea Monath Schumacher champions an inclusive, multicultural approach to decorating spaces. Her eclectic tastes and mix and match of influences are present throughout.

Vibrant Interiors focuses on six major projects, including a cosmopolitan apartment, a cavernous ranch house, and Schumacher's own Los Angeles home. It also showcases a selection of individual rooms. In the process, it shares a wide range of style and color concepts, all captured in a generous selection of photographs, with wide-angle shots of redecorated rooms and close-ups of personal objects that add personality to the spaces.

Each individual project features insightful explanations of the thinking behind its design choices. Rather than just throwing expensive solutions at problems, *Vibrant Interiors* supplies practical guidance on how to gussy up spaces. General tips on topics, like mixing bespoke furniture with found pieces, and playing patterns off against each other in fabrics, sit next to specific examples of how one can use a bit of imagination to energize a space. An owner's hat collection becomes an art installation; recycled cans become striking butterfly sculptures. In this design aesthetic, modern touches like brushed stainless steel oven hoods are shared next to found objects, adding mystery to every design.

Above all, *Vibrant Interiors* encourages DIY designers to think of their rooms holistically, as spaces that can tell their own unique stories. The book's central message is a positive one: the best interior design is that which expresses your individuality and life story. *Vibrant Interiors* makes a convincing case for this approach, thanks to its mix of constructive advice and luscious photography.

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