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## NEXT-LEVEL DESIGN

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Sunset's latest Idea House,  
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By Chantal  
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*Study in  
contrasts*

Use siding to create  
a two-toned exterior.  
[jameshardie.com](http://jameshardie.com)



PROP STYLING: MICHAEL WALTERS

Photographs by THOMAS J. STORY

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As *Sunset's* headquarters were relocating to Oakland late last year, a group of designers were a few miles away planning the magazine's 2016 Idea House. Perched in the Claremont Hills bordering Oakland and Berkeley, the home was conceived as a tribute to the Bay Area—its architecture, its quirky character, its spirit of innovation. Facilitated by DFI Properties and Keith Kolker of Landmark Development, architect Robert Nebolon created a five-level, 3,600-square-foot cantilevered home clad in James Hardie siding. To warm up the modern shell, interior designer Lauren Geremia and her team, Emily Ord and Erin O'Brien, mixed ATGStores.com furnishings and paint with vintage items and statement-making pieces by Western artists. The result is a home that feels like a retreat—and offers design ideas around every corner.

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A PENCIL CACTUS ADDS HEIGHT AND AN ORGANIC ELEMENT

MIXING RAW AND DARK WOODS KEEPS THE ROOM FROM FEELING FORMULAIC

## 2 MAKE EVERY CORNER COUNT

The design team turned an easy-to-overlook part of the living room into a reading nook, below. To do the same at home, pair a small table with a piece of furniture that can hold its own. This vintage chair has a strong shape, but is comfortable enough for long reads. Midcentury Danish wingback chair, [deangelis.1stdibs.com](http://deangelis.1stdibs.com).

### DESIGNERS' PICKS

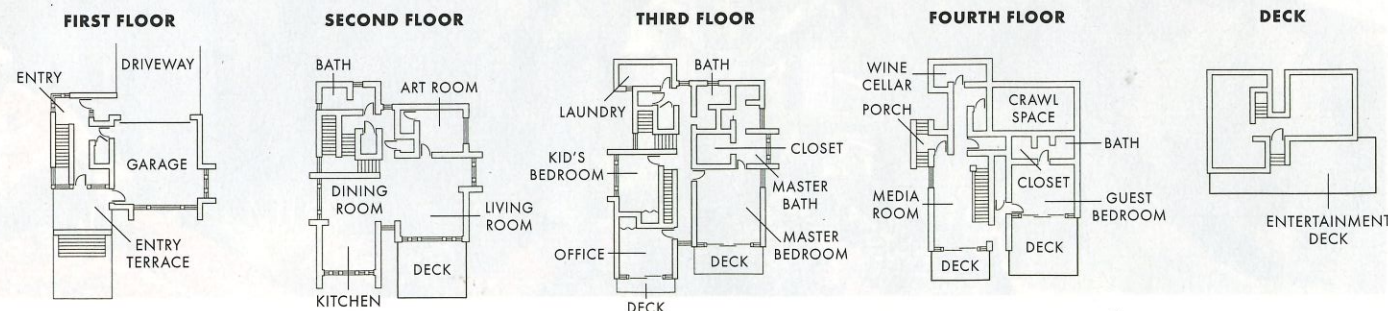
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- > Pamono, [pamono.com](http://pamono.com).
- > Amsterdam Modern, [amsterdammodern.com](http://amsterdammodern.com).
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- > Viyet, [viyet.com](http://viyet.com).
- > Lawson-Fenning, [lawsonfenning.com](http://lawsonfenning.com).



## 1 TAKE IN THE VIEWS

Lauren Geremia designed the living room around the vistas, from the furniture arrangement to the soft golden palette. Crowd Pleaser sofa, \$2,100; [benchmademodern.com](http://benchmademodern.com). Matunuck lounge chairs, \$4,600; [oandgstudio.com](http://oandgstudio.com). Safavieh Hampton Pillow Top bench, \$371; Arteriors Home Jacob cocktail table, \$1,650; MOTI Michigan glass cabinet, \$1,348; Interlude Brighton console, \$855; Safavieh natural area fiber rug (bottom), from \$47; [atgstores.com](http://atgstores.com). Accessories, [thefutureperfect.com](http://thefutureperfect.com). Sivas rug, [tonykitzgallery.com](http://tonykitzgallery.com). Bentley Brown Leaf Hammered Pot table lamps, \$80 each; [lampplus.com](http://lampplus.com). Balancing Act C-Print by Tammy Rae Carland; [jessicasilvermangallery.com](http://jessicasilvermangallery.com). Designers Guild Glenmore linen, [osborneandlittle.com](http://osborneandlittle.com).



FLOOR PLAN: MARGARET SIOAN



### «3 REIMAGINE THE BACKSPLASH

“We wanted to take risks with the wall treatments in this house,” says Geremia. In the kitchen, for instance, she applied an Arts and Crafts wallpaper in place of tile to the wall, adding an unexpected burst of pattern. The wallpaper was treated with a Scotchguard-like coating and is covered with tempered glass to protect against water damage. The marble countertop extends to form a backsplash. Bird & Pomegranate wallpaper by William Morris, \$199/roll; shearsandwindow.com. Ventura dining table, \$1,180; pair of ladder-back dining chairs, \$119; atgstores.com.

WALLPAPER: JEFFERY CROSS (3); HARDWARE: JEFFERY CROSS (5)



**DESIGNERS' PICKS**

**Old-world wallpapers**

- Florence court by Cole & Son, \$196/roll; mahoneswallpapershop.com.
- Hornbeam, \$230/roll; us.farrow-ball.com.
- Leaves by Area Environments, \$15/sq. ft.; coupdetatsf.com.



BREAK UP CABINETRY WITH SHELVING TO OPEN UP THE SPACE.

### «4 ADD CLASSIC DETAILS

The inset oak cabinetry is a nod to the area's early 20th-century Craftsman homes; the organically shaped brass hardware supplies the oomph. Potato cabinet knobs, from \$36; rocky mountainhardware.com. Wine, J. Lohr; jlrohr.com. Torani, torani.com.

**DESIGNERS' PICKS**

**High-style hardware**

- Large oval knob, from \$11; rejuvenation.com.
- Midvale pull, from \$36; schoolhouse electric.com.
- Fairview crystal knob, from \$18; schoolhouse electric.com.
- Lew's Hardware bar pull collection, from \$7.90; myknobs.com.





THE DROPPED CEILING COVERED IN AN OMBRE WALLPAPER CREATES A CANOPY-LIKE FEEL

LARGE-SCALE ARTWORK ADDS A FOCAL POINT IN LIEU OF A HEADBOARD

GRAY FRENCH-OAK FLOORS DON'T COMPETE WITH WOOD TONES



## » 5 BUILD IN THE BEAUTY

In the master bedroom, custom millwork provides ample storage and masks exposed columns alongside the bed. Murray platform bed, \$240; Wayborn Furniture Benfu armoire, \$720; Coyuchi bedding, from \$38; atgstores.com. Vintage Jens Risom chairs, deangelis.1stdibs.com. Hawley side table, \$2,475; eggcollective.com. Vintage rug; tonykitzgallery.com. Brasscloth wallpaper in Pyrite, \$32/sq. ft.; calicowallpaper.com. Dhow Sheer drapery, osborneandlitttle.com.

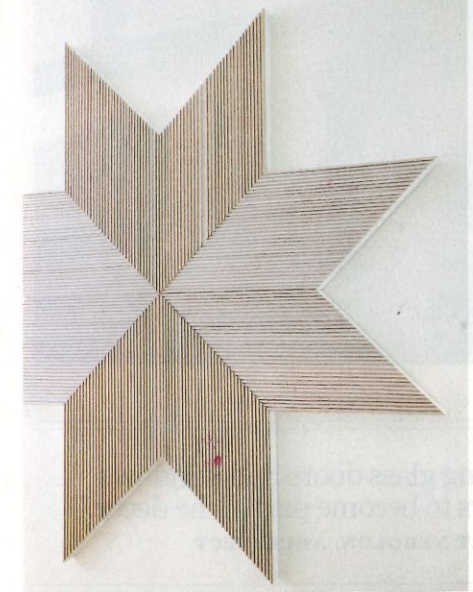
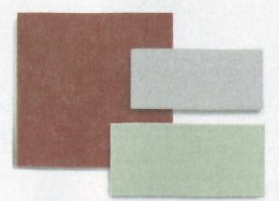
## » 6 CARVE OUT SOME SPACE

A long narrow bathroom is outfitted with back-to-back vanities that give its users distinct spaces. The trick to getting this right, says Nebolon, is offsetting the sinks. Classic Field tile in Natural White, 1x3 and 3x9 from \$22; heathceramics.com. Mila wall sconces, \$205; lampsplus.com. Limestone countertops, marblecompany.com. Pop Grande square under-counter bathroom sink, \$325; dxv.com. Potato cabinet pulls, from \$36 each; rockymountainhardware.com.

### DESIGNERS' PICKS

#### Top tiles

- > Clay tile in Sea Glass, \$28/sq. ft.; fireclaytile.com.
- > Cement tile in Solid Barn, \$14/sq. ft.; cletile.com.
- > Pratt and Larson straight stack R1, from \$38/sq. ft.; prattandlarson.com.



## » 7 LET ART TAKE THE LEAD

Art played a vital role in every room, adding warmth and offbeat character. The designers chose a mix of nature-based photography, warm pencil sketches, and oversize pieces, such as this whitewashed-oak star, from Western artists including Meagan Donegan, Jessica Niello-White, Tammy Rae Carland, Lena Wolff, John Chiara and Berkeley-based Vintage European Posters (vepca.com). Converging Star by Lena Wolff; lenawolff.com.

### DESIGNERS' PICKS

#### Art for everyone

- > Saatchi Art, saatchiart.com.
- > Crown Point Press, crownpoint.com.
- > Paulson Bott Press, paulsonbottpress.com.
- > Artsy, artsy.net.



"Art is often our starting point. It brings soul to a space and can even inspire a color palette."  
—LAUREN GEREMIA, GEREMIA DESIGN

## ≈ 8 ENCOURAGE SLEEPING IN

A guest room should feel like a getaway for visitors. Geremia gave this one a vacation vibe by layering an island-style bed frame with a mostly quiet mixture of patterns and textures. Tommy Bahama Island Estate West Indies bed in Bamboo, \$3,949; Coyuchi linens from \$38; Interlude Norha side table, \$882; Surya jute natural living area rug, \$575; Antique White Linen occasional chair, \$1,074; atgstores.com. Santorini Tinos linen drapery; osborneandlittle.com. Workstead's Orbit Table Lamp One, \$1,350; thefutureperfect.com. Oushak overlay rug, tonykitzgaller.com. Downbridge lamp, \$129; lampsplus.com. Western Window Systems, westernwindowssystems.com.



## ≈ 9 FOOL THE EYE

By simply applying the tiles vertically in this small bathroom, the designers created the illusion of height. Classic Field tile in Paprika in 1x3 and 3x9, from \$30/sq. ft.; heathceramics.com.



"Floor-to-ceiling glass doors and windows allow the views to become part of the decor."

—ROBERT NEBOLON, ARCHITECT



## ≈ 10 CHOOSE LIGHTS WITH STAR POWER

Lamps can sometimes fade into the background, but in this house, Geremia chose a mix of contemporary and salvaged pieces that command attention. The hanging fixture and gold-splattered wallpaper make this powder room feel like a glam galaxy. Omega Lighting & Design, omegalightingdesign.com. Cosmos wallpaper in Elikonas, \$45/sq. ft.; sarkos.nyc/cosmos. Lyndon single-handle faucet, \$565; dxv.com.



### IN THE MASTER BATH

This slate repeats from another bathroom, tying spaces together. Custom lighting fixture, omegalighting.com.



### IN THE KIDS' ROOM

Three of these star pendants hung at different heights create a constellation effect. Cuthbert white glass star pendants, \$180 each; lampsplus.com.



### IN THE DINING ROOM

Six pendants in a row equal an instant chandelier. Cove Point open frame mini pendants, \$99 each; lampsplus.com.



### IN THE GUEST ROOM

A sculptural brass and marble lamp breaks from the bedside lighting mold. Orbit Table Lamp One, from \$1,350; thefutureperfect.com.



"A space where the whole family gathers calls for tough materials."

—ERIN O'BRIEN, GEREMIA DESIGN

### « 11 SOFTEN THE LANDING

Layering rugs sets a casual, slightly bohemian tone and provides extra padding underfoot. To master the look, O'Brien recommends overlaying rugs with a similar shag and pattern, or placing a small, patterned rug over a larger one made of a natural material, such as sisal or jute. Vintage rugs, [tonykitzgallery.com](http://tonykitzgallery.com).

### ≈ 12 KID-PROOF SURFACES

The designers made this media room kid- and red wine-friendly by embracing indoor-outdoor fabric—using it on the cushions, sofa, curtains, even the wall. Sunbrella fabric in *Heritage Moss* and *Connect Dune*, \$40/yard; [sunbrella.com](http://sunbrella.com). Custom sofa, [mellonwinslowdb.com](http://mellonwinslowdb.com); custom floor cushions, [michaelfelix.com](http://michaelfelix.com).



### ≈ 13 INTEGRATE NATURE

Nebolan wrapped the six decks in glass, allowing light to "pass into the interiors as much as possible," he says. The AZEK deck, which looks similar to hardwood, reinforces the indoor-outdoor connection, while large-scale potted plants bring additional greenery into view. AZEK Vintage Collection deck in *Dark Hickory*, [azek.com](http://azek.com). Plants, [sunsetwesterngardencollection.com](http://sunsetwesterngardencollection.com) for retailers.

### « 14 TIER IT UP

Drawing inspiration from an M.C. Escher sketch, landscape designers Michelle Derviss and David Feix planted a geometric garden into the hillside, filling steel planters with succulents, low-water perennials, and palms.



"Foliage in a variety of colors and textures can bring just as much beauty as flowers."

—MICHELLE DERVISS, DERVISS DESIGN



BOTTOM RIGHT: SAVON HOIT



OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS COORDINATE WITH WHAT'S INSIDE

AN EXTRA-LONG CUSTOM SOFA AND FLOOR PILLOWS LET EVERYONE HAVE A SEAT

A TALL MEDIA CONSOLE CAN DOUBLE AS A BAR FOR ENTERTAINING

IDEA HOUSE RESOURCES

TEAM

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DFI Properties LLC, [dficap.com](http://dficap.com).

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ARCHITECTURE

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INTERIOR DESIGN

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Michelle Derviss Landscape Design, [dervissdesign.com](http://dervissdesign.com).

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APPLIANCES

Davies Appliance, [daviesappliance.com](http://daviesappliance.com).

ART

Crown Point Press, [crownpoint.com](http://crownpoint.com); David Lance Gaines from Vintage European Posters, [vepca.com](http://vepca.com); Lena Wolff, [lenawolff.com](http://lenawolff.com); Jessica Niello-White, [jessicaniello.com](http://jessicaniello.com); Jessica Silverman Gallery, [jessicasilvermangallery.com](http://jessicasilvermangallery.com); Meagan Donegan, [meagandonegan.com](http://meagandonegan.com); Saatchi Art, [saatchiart.com](http://saatchiart.com).

BEDDING AND LINENS

Coyuchi, [atgstores.com](http://atgstores.com).

BUILDING SUPPLY

Associated Building Supply, [associatedbuildingsupply.com](http://associatedbuildingsupply.com); Golden State Lumber, [goldenstatelumber.com](http://goldenstatelumber.com).

COUNTERTOPS

IRG, [marblecompany.com](http://marblecompany.com).

CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY & WINDOW TREATMENT

Leo's Upholstery, [leosupholstery.net](http://leosupholstery.net); Stitch Custom Furnishings, [stitchsf.com](http://stitchsf.com).

DECK

AZEK Deck, [azek.com](http://azek.com).

DISPOSAL & HOT-WATER DISPENSER

InSinkErator, [insinkerator.com](http://insinkerator.com).

DRAPERY

Osborne & Little, [osborneandlittle.com](http://osborneandlittle.com); Sunbrella, [sunbrella.com](http://sunbrella.com).

ELECTRIC

Serrano Electric, [serranoelectric.com](http://serranoelectric.com).

EXTERIOR PLANTS

Sunset Western Garden Collection, [sunsetwesterngarden.com](http://sunsetwesterngarden.com).

FIREBOWL

Eldorado Stone, [eldoradostone.com](http://eldoradostone.com).

FLAVORED SYRUP

Torani, [torani.com](http://torani.com).

FURNITURE

ATGStores.com, [atgstores.com](http://atgstores.com); BenchMade Modern, [benchmademodern.com](http://benchmademodern.com); DeAngelis, [deangelis.1stdibs.com](http://deangelis.1stdibs.com); Egg Collective, [eggcollective.com](http://eggcollective.com); Michael Felix, [michaelfelix.com](http://michaelfelix.com); MWDB, [mellonwinslowdb.com](http://mellonwinslowdb.com); O&G Studio, [oandgstudio.com](http://oandgstudio.com).

HARDWARE

Rocky Mountain Hardware, [rockymountainhardware.com](http://rockymountainhardware.com).

HARDWOOD FLOORING

Exquisite Surfaces, [xsurfaces.com](http://xsurfaces.com).

HOOD COVER

Chambers Art & Design, [chambersartanddesign.com](http://chambersartanddesign.com).

HVAC

Reaco Heating & Air Conditioning, [reaco.net](http://reaco.net).

INSULATION

West Coast Insulation, [westcoastinsulation.com](http://westcoastinsulation.com).

INTERIOR PLANTS

Living Green Design, [livinggreen.com](http://livinggreen.com).

LIGHTING

Lamps Plus, [lampsplus.com](http://lampsplus.com); Omega Lighting & Design, [omegalightingdesign.com](http://omegalightingdesign.com); The Future Perfect, [thefutureperfect.com](http://thefutureperfect.com).

MIRRORS

ATGStores.com, [atgstores.com](http://atgstores.com); Bower, [bowernyc.com](http://bowernyc.com); Egg Collective, [eggcollective.com](http://eggcollective.com).

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ATGStores.com, [atgstores.com](http://atgstores.com).

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Lamps Plus, [lampsplus.com](http://lampsplus.com).

PAINT

Colorhouse, [atgstores.com](http://atgstores.com); Dutch Master Painting.

PAVERS

Belgard, [belgard.com](http://belgard.com).

PILLOWS

ATGStores.com, [atgstores.com](http://atgstores.com); Michael Felix, [michaelfelix.com](http://michaelfelix.com).

PLUMBING FIXTURES

DXV by American Standard, [dxv.com](http://dxv.com).

PLUMBING INSTALLATION

Procraft Plumbing, [procraftconstructioninc.com](http://procraftconstructioninc.com).

RAIL SYSTEM

Feeney Incorporated, [feeneyinc.com](http://feeneyinc.com); Glassfab Tempering Services, [glassfabtempering.com](http://glassfabtempering.com); Golden State Lumber, [goldenstatelumber.com](http://goldenstatelumber.com).

RUGS

ATGStores.com, [atgstores.com](http://atgstores.com); Tony Kitz Gallery, [tonykitzgallery.com](http://tonykitzgallery.com).

SIDING & TRIM

James Hardie, [jameshardie.com](http://jameshardie.com); Pro Siding, [prosiding-inc.com](http://prosiding-inc.com).

SINKS & TUBS

DXV by American Standard, [dxv.com](http://dxv.com).

SKYLIGHT & SUN TUNNEL

Velux Skylights, [veluxusa.com](http://veluxusa.com).

SUNGLASSES

Maui Jim, [mauijim.com](http://mauijim.com).

TILE

Exquisite Surfaces, [xsurfaces.com](http://xsurfaces.com); Heath, [heathceramics.com](http://heathceramics.com).

TILE INSTALLATION

Miconi Marble & Tile, [miconi.com](http://miconi.com).

WALLPAPER

Calico Wallpaper, [calicowallpaper.com](http://calicowallpaper.com); Sarkos, [sarkos.nyc](http://sarkos.nyc); Sunbrella, [sunbrella.com](http://sunbrella.com); William Morris, [shearsandwindow.com](http://shearsandwindow.com).

WINDOWS & DOORS

Western Window Systems, [westernwindowssystems.com](http://westernwindowssystems.com).

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J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines, [jlohr.com](http://jlohr.com).

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