





M Interiors

Boldly mixed styles make for colorfully comfortable living.

When it comes to interior design, Melissa Morgan is never one to shy away from making a statement and mixing materials. Perhaps it's her decade-long career in corporate law, her unfettered passion for creating beautiful spaces, or her San Antonio-based design business, M Interiors, that's garnered attention near and far. She also draws a great deal of inspiration from her travels, especially France. It could well be the latter—she admittedly loves spending time in Paris—that inspires her penchant for vintage furniture pieces and striking accessories. Her kitchen designs, for instance, have ranged from neutral-toned clean-lined spaces touting cream cabinets, marble flooring, oversized islands set with non-traditional bar stools—think bamboo-style—and statement light fixtures to a cozy breakfast nook with a dark wood table, airy windows for lots of natural light, and a rustic buffet with a large mirror and colorful porcelain plates hanging above it on the wall. It's spaces like these that prove the designer thrives on skillfully pulling together looks that reflect the owner's lifestyle and personality, even meshing a variety of styles into one space.

LEFT: The light-filled dining room includes a late Georgian dining table, an 18th-century inlaid sideboard, and a pair of Louis XVI demi-lune tables. Also adding to the room's warmth are hand-painted French panels and a sparkling antique crystal chandelier.

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INTERIOR DESIGN

KITCHEN INSPIRATION

BEST ADVICE?

Don't build a kitchen for the dinners you may throw once a year. Build a kitchen that suits your family's needs.

TIMELESS OR TRENDY?

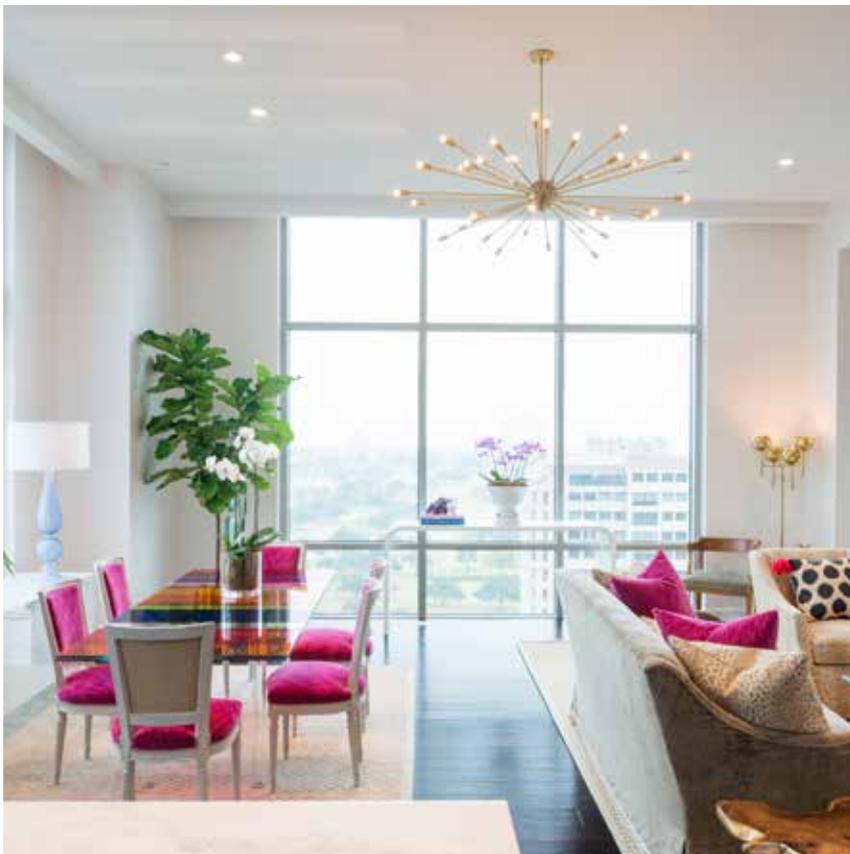
Definitely timeless. Kitchens are too much of an investment to have something go out of style!

FAVORITE ASPECT OF YOUR OWN KITCHEN?

Simplicity of materials—stainless steel counters and a wonderful built-in stone breakfast table original to the mid-century house.

ONE EXTRAVAGANT DESIGN FEATURE?

A really fantastic espresso machine.



TOP LEFT: A large and varied collection of Chinese Famille Rose porcelain adorn the grasspaper-covered walls of this breakfast room. Also included are an antique marble demi-lune and a custom antique porcelain lamp.

BOTTOM LEFT: Pink silk velvet Louis XVI dining chairs pop in the sky-high retreat. The dining area also includes a custom Italian Lucite and glass dining table and a vintage white glass credenza.

FACING PAGE: Bright and open, the kitchen is perfect for entertaining a large crowd or just family. The French bistro barstools and custom light fixture complete the functional yet beautiful space.

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