

CHARLOTTE URBAN

# HOME

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CELEBRATING INSPIRATIONAL DESIGN AND PERSONAL STYLE





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Layering  
complementary  
fabrics in  
graphic patterns  
helped strengthen  
the concept.

## Pop Rocks

**I love strong, saturated colors** - take one look at my peacock blue living room and you'll understand. It's fun, it's happy and it's lighthearted - just like the nature of my client in this story. Miss Ella Richardson is a wide-open, charismatic ball of personality. She loves orange and she loves hot pink (what tweener doesn't?). If these bright colors suit your daughter's personality, embrace it! When it's time to give your daughter a room she can really enjoy and grow into for years, I can tell you there is a key to doing it right.

Colors of a heavy hue need to be counter-balanced with white and there are a couple ways to do so. This room is a great example of how to pull it off the first way. By keeping all the color on the accessories and furniture, and going lighter on the walls (preferably the white range of any "clean" color), the bright shades of pink and orange don't overpower. Having pale grey walls on the sides and an accent wall of silver and white made the colors pop that much more.

Our starting point was the window fabric, filled

with color and whimsy. I wanted crisp, clean walls as a backdrop to this fabric. Every room can benefit from a little black and since Ella needed a new bed as well, we incorporated it with the frame. Lighter, interesting furnishing started mixing in and combining vintage with modern give the room more interest overall.

The second way of achieving a successful color saturated room is to take the opposite approach. Fill your walls with color and pattern, but choose white accessories, fabrics and furniture to tone down the room. White furniture doesn't conflict with the palette and allows the strong colors in the room to stand alone. Bold, strong colors create a fresh, fun and energetic room. Mixing in the solid white or black keeps the look from being overpowering and chaotic.❖

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## Fun features to think about in a color saturated room:

1. Unique lamps. This is a place to incorporate something different. Oversized and colorful is the way to go.
2. A truly special reading chair. We actually hand-painted this chair for a little added drama!
3. Simple white bedding with a pop of color in accent pillows.
4. Silver chandelier, nail heads, chair legs and frames. For this modern look, I chose to keep all my "metals" the same.

