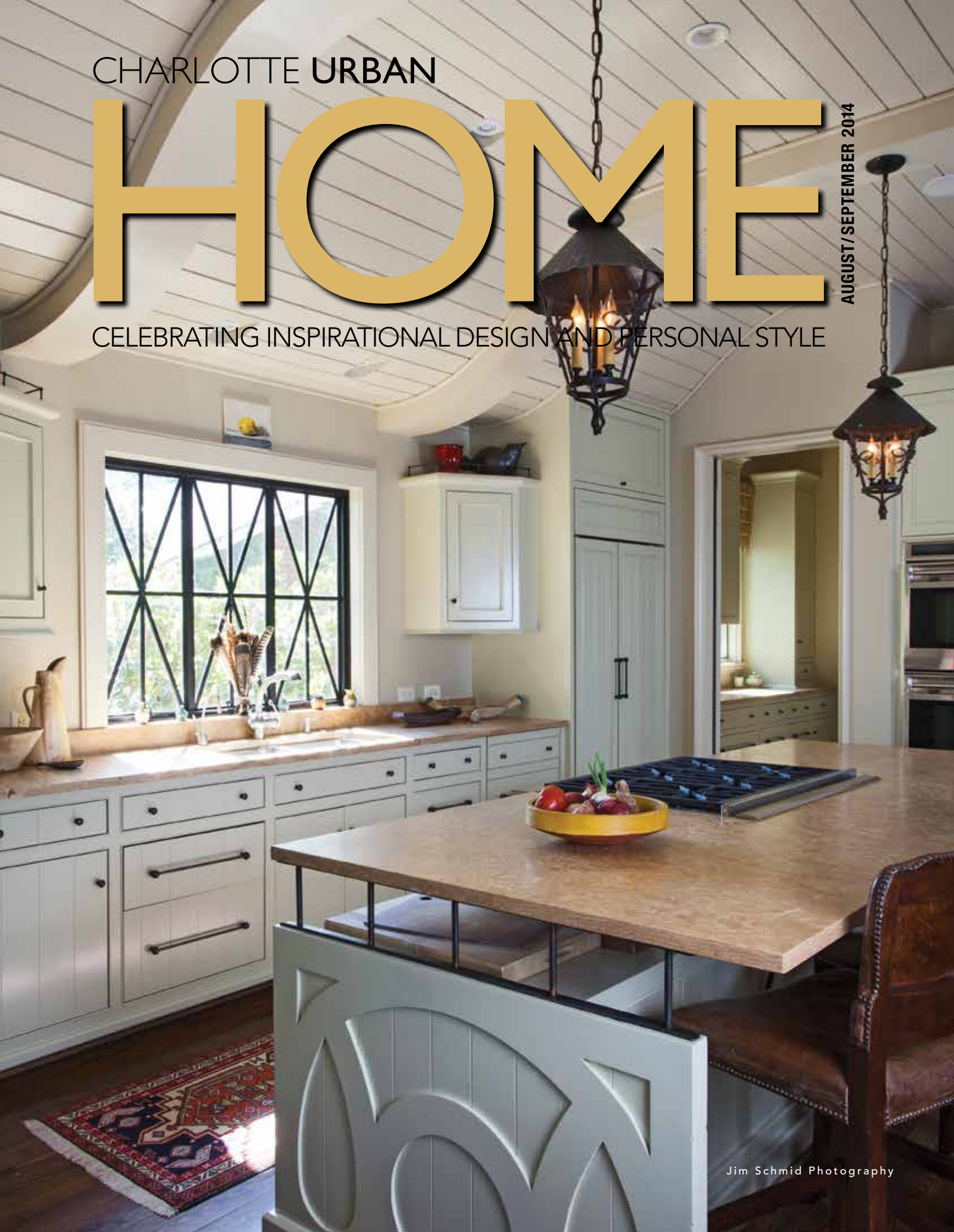


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Pattern Play

I am often asked by my clients to bring color into their spaces. “I want a pop of color,” is something I hear often. While tone-on-tone rooms can be calm and soothing, infusing a little color won’t necessarily make a space less peaceful. There are ways to bring a splash of color into a room and it can be done in small doses and in major ones. Cozy and collected is the goal.

Now, I am not really considered a rule follower but when it comes to infusing a room with major color and pattern, there are a few rules I do like to follow. Black and white are almost always my background colors of choice. It allows saturated colors and patterns to appear cleaner and sharper.

I recently worked with a couple who had a love of pattern and color, and they wanted a touch of the Congo brought into their space. I chose a solid, yet strong sofa color to allow for splashy pillows and throws. Then, we brought in a super textural area rug and art, as well as unique pieces of furniture – each a conversation piece on its own. A unique bookcase and side tables added to the eclectic feel. Art played a major role in this space and the colors and tones complement the furnishings.

Remember that everything should relate to each other to create a cohesive look, but be unique and interesting at once. Collect, experiment and don’t be afraid of color – it has a habit of just making you happy!❖

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Tips for working with saturated color with multiple patterns

- like-colors in like-tones
- pattern scale on the large size
- large scale art with large scale pattern
- a little worn leather can give some “age” to the space

