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it had to be blue

Weaving a single courageous color—clear, vibrant peacock blue—throughout this Charlotte home enlivens every other element, from furnishings and rugs to artwork and window treatments. It's that jolt of energy that quickens the pulse of the whole house.

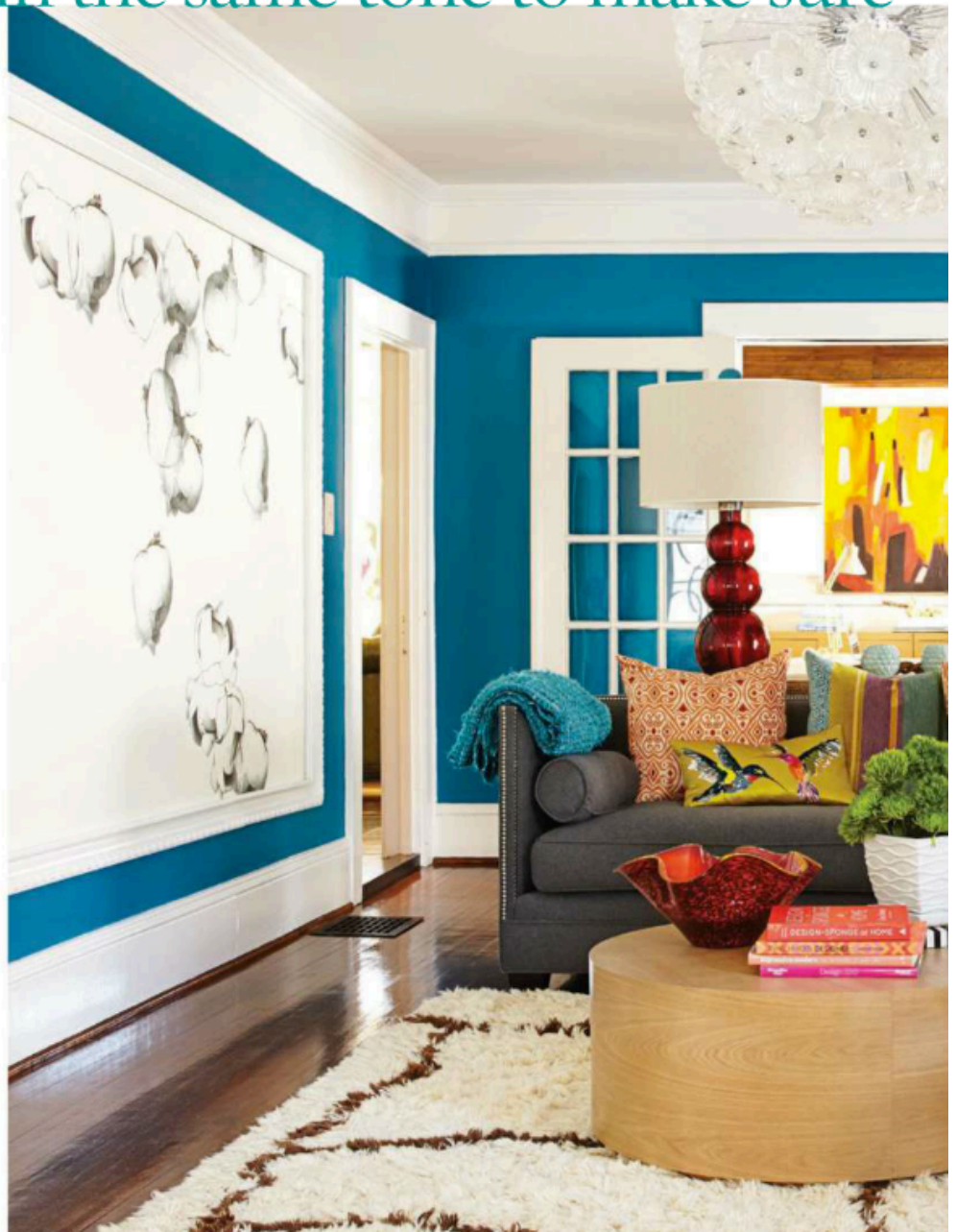


INSPIRATION UNDERFOOT. A giant flowered rug, bursting with the same blues and oranges seen in the rest of the house, sparked the TV room's whole scheme. Ivory walls, a paneled ceiling, and a cappuccino-hued sectional ground the room in neutrals, letting the punchy pillows and wall art stand out. **WINDOW WOW.** A painting in the office fills in for curtains. The canvas, which gives the room its color palette, is also painted on its reverse side, ensuring that the view from the backyard is just as stunning.



TAUPE NO MORE. Once cloaked in tone-on-tone neutrals, the living room underwent a dramatic transformation with a coat of peacock-blue wall paint. It pairs well with just about any saturated hue, as evidenced by the merry mélange of red lamps, an orange armchair, a magenta-plaid slipper chair, and playful pillows that seem to come alive under its gaze. **PLAYFUL PALETTE.** The den invites traditional elements, such as a green leather chesterfield sofa, to the same party as funky industrial pieces, including an old factory cart standing in as a coffee table—and the result is a mighty good time! Splashes of more green on the sofa and armchair, patterned throw pillows, and a mix of artwork happily intermingle. **COLORS COME FORWARD.** The kitchen's benches are covered in zesty stripes, while a tall-backed chair upholstered in sumptuous blue velvet beckons people to take a soft seat. Creamy-gray walls and upper cabinets, paired with taupe base cabinets and a charcoal-gray slate floor, provide a solid grounding of neutrals for the sprays of color to shine through.

Keep colors in the same tone to make sure





they get along.





BURSTS OF BLUE. The taupe dining room springs to life with a few swipes of blue. The hue is the perfect playmate for oranges and browns because they face off on the color wheel—visual drama follows wherever they go. **FABRIC CUES.** Yellow and blue steal the spotlight in the master bedroom. Both hues were plucked from the fabric sheathing the chaise and repeated elsewhere to craft a cohesive scheme. **PERFECT PAIRING.** This child's bent toward pink and purple led to the color scheme, while Mom amped up the sophistication (and the room's longevity) with a bouquet of offbeat fabrics, zany lamps, and grow-with-you nightstands.

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