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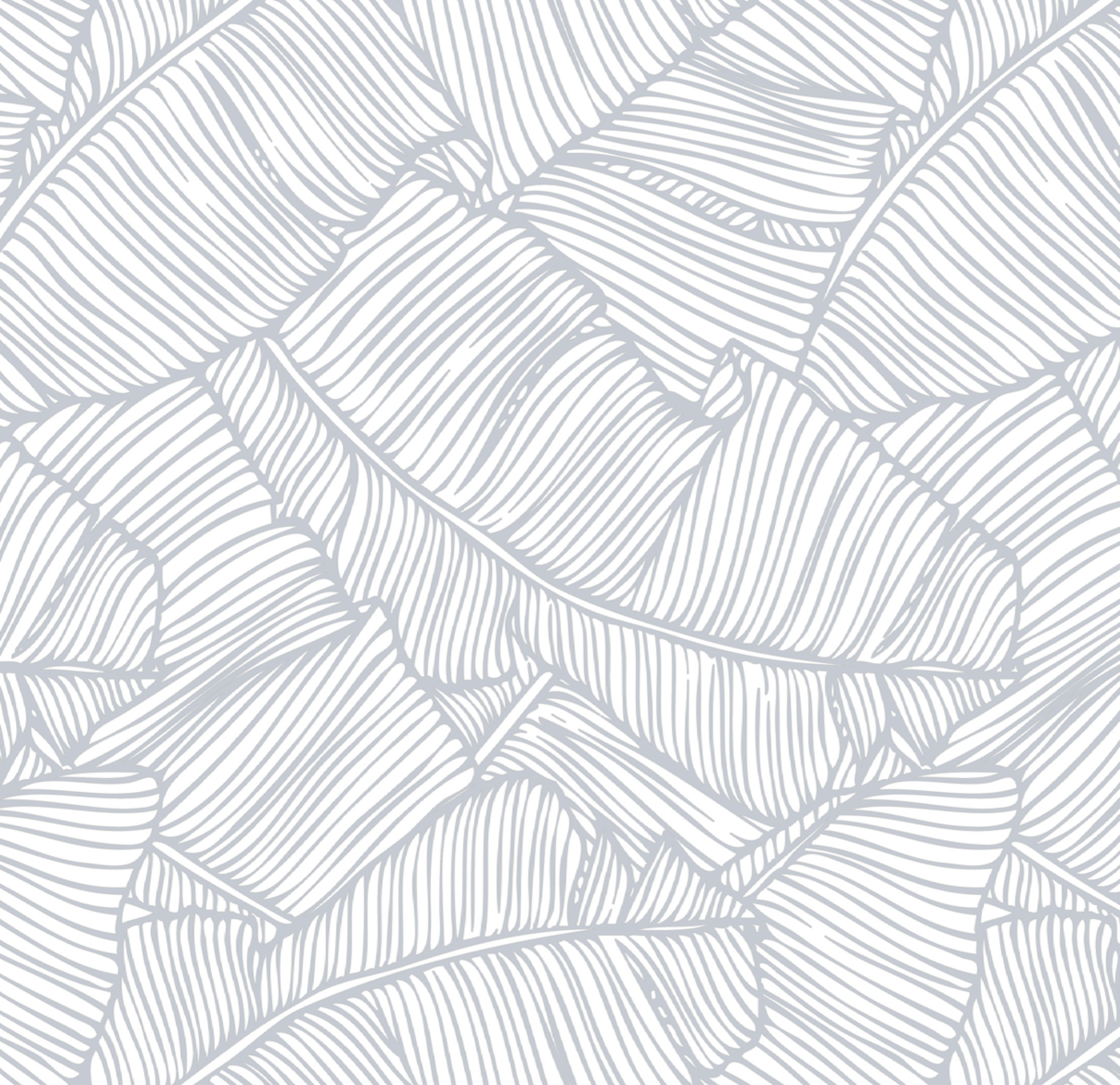


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# TIPS TO STYLE A COFFEE TABLE LIKE A DESIGNER

A stack of books, some florals, and one weird piece will turn your coffee table into an art installation.



The coffee table is the center of the living room. While it can be landing space for remote controls and magazines, it's also a place where your style can come to life. There is some science to creating a stunning tablescape, such as using objects in varying heights, but the magic mainly comes from an artful mix of flowers, books, trays, and unexpected objects.



## ORGANIC MODERNISM

Place two tree-like stools side by side in a formal seating area with upholstered furniture to add texture. Leave the tabletop bare except for one small object. Small gray tables break up a vibrant color palette in this Paris apartment.



## JEWEL-BOX OTTOMANS

In this Eileen Gray-inspired living room, designer Alexandra Loew used three small ottomans upholstered in Pierre Frey fabrics in place of a traditional cocktail table. While the ottomans are gorgeous on their own, a small silver tray for cocktails or flowers would add more glamour.



## UNDULATING SCULPTURE

Balancing multiple accessories on a tufted ottoman can be tricky, so a pro tip is to anchor a decorative object on a tray. The tray and sculpture shown in this New York cottage are from the Huniford vintage collection.

## LEAFLIKE COCKTAIL TABLE

A vintage cocktail table by Wendell Castle shaped like a leaf makes a statement on its own in this Manhattan penthouse. Top it with minimalist accessories, such as a flower-filled urn and low bowl.



**ANTIQUE  
COCKTAIL TABLE**

In a neutral space with high ceilings, cherry blossoms in a Georg Jensen vase are earthy and airy. They also add height to the low antique Chinese cocktail table in this Palm Beach house.



**CONSIDER A GLASS-TOPPED TABLE**

When you're aiming to showcase a significant amount of accessories, a cocktail table with a glass top can provide balance. It doesn't take up as much visual space as an all-wood design, for instance, and it keeps the focus on your display.



**GO FROM HIGH TO LOW**

On the square cocktail table by Thierry Jeannot, there are four points of interest. Each point varies in height, and a tall flowering plant adds color to the gray design scheme.





**GO FOR ONE STATEMENT PIECE**

If the idea of mixing decorative objects, flowers, and books really isn't your style, opt for one statement piece that reflects your personality. An eye-catching sculptural item or vase containing your favorite blooms is sometimes all that's needed to complete a living room design.



**WEAVE IN A SENTIMENTAL ITEM**

Whether it's a family heirloom or a ceramic you've treasured for years, incorporating a sentimental element into your coffee table decor adds a special touch. Plus, it's the perfect conversation starter, something necessary for every interior.



## ADD AN AIR OF MYSTERY

A brass cloche is the singular (and somewhat mysterious) piece of cocktail-table decor in the living room of designer Shawn Anderson's country-meets-gothic farmhouse in Memphis.

## STICK TO A SINGLE COLOR

The circa-1950 Sphere cocktail table and lamp in this Buenos Aires living room are by Jean Royère. A simple white bowl and blooms add to the room's monochromatic palette.



## GO MINIMALIST WHEN FURNITURE IS HEAVY

Designer Shawn Henderson pared down the cocktail-table decor in the living room of this Montana mountain home. The custom sofas are in a Studio Four NYC fabric, the custom settee is covered in a Hodsoll McKenzie fabric, and the custom swivel chairs and 1930s English wing chair are in fabrics from ALT

for Living. The walnut cocktail table is custom, and the 1950s Austrian J.T. Kalmar floor lamps are from Bloomberry. A custom hooked rug by the New England Collection has a pattern based on a topographical map of the home's site.



## ADD SOME HEIGHT

A feathery floral arrangement keeps the vibe of this family room nook cozy while adding height and drawing the eye up to the artwork by Zipora Fried. The custom sectional is covered in fabrics by Great Plains and Donghia, the cocktail table by Daniel Scuderi and the chandelier by Trans-

Luxe are both custom, the Ecart International sconces are from Ralph Pucci, and the carpet is by Tai Ping; the walls are in a Dualoy leather, and the ceiling is painted in Benjamin Moore's Bison Brown.

These stunning spaces are equal parts sleek and chic.

# Minimalist Kitchen Ideas



Since the kitchen is the workhorse of the home, it might be hard to even imagine having a minimalist take on one. But just because less is more when it comes to minimalist interiors, that doesn't mean the space has to be empty. Think of it as a covert operation--belongings need to be pared-down and concealed. The appearance should be clean but filled with luxe stone, sleek appliances, and gorgeous finishes.



That Are Packed With Style

## PULL THE PLUGS

“Using pop-up plugs in the counters and inside the cabinets eliminates the need for all those unattractive sockets on your backsplash. This produces a sleek and clean look,” says Magon.



## MATCHING COUNTERTOP AND BACKSPLASH

“Minimalism is not the lack of something but the perfect amount of it, and when it comes to kitchens, this has never been more true,” says Nina Magon of Contour Interior Design. “Use the same material as the countertop for the backsplash. This can create a beautiful waterfall effect and a nice simplistic and calming aesthetic.”



## MONOCHROMATIC PALETTE

“When I’m designing a minimalist kitchen, I remove non-essential appliances from the countertops and I always use a monochromatic palette,” says New York-based interior designer, Joy Moyler. “It’s less for the eyes to focus on and I’d rather see beautiful stonework than a clumsy waffle maker any day!”



## MAKE A STATEMENT

“Our goal when designing a minimalist kitchen is to make sure that everything we incorporate is necessary for the space. If we’re using just a few things, each piece needs to make a statement,” says Los Angeles-based designer Breegan Jane.



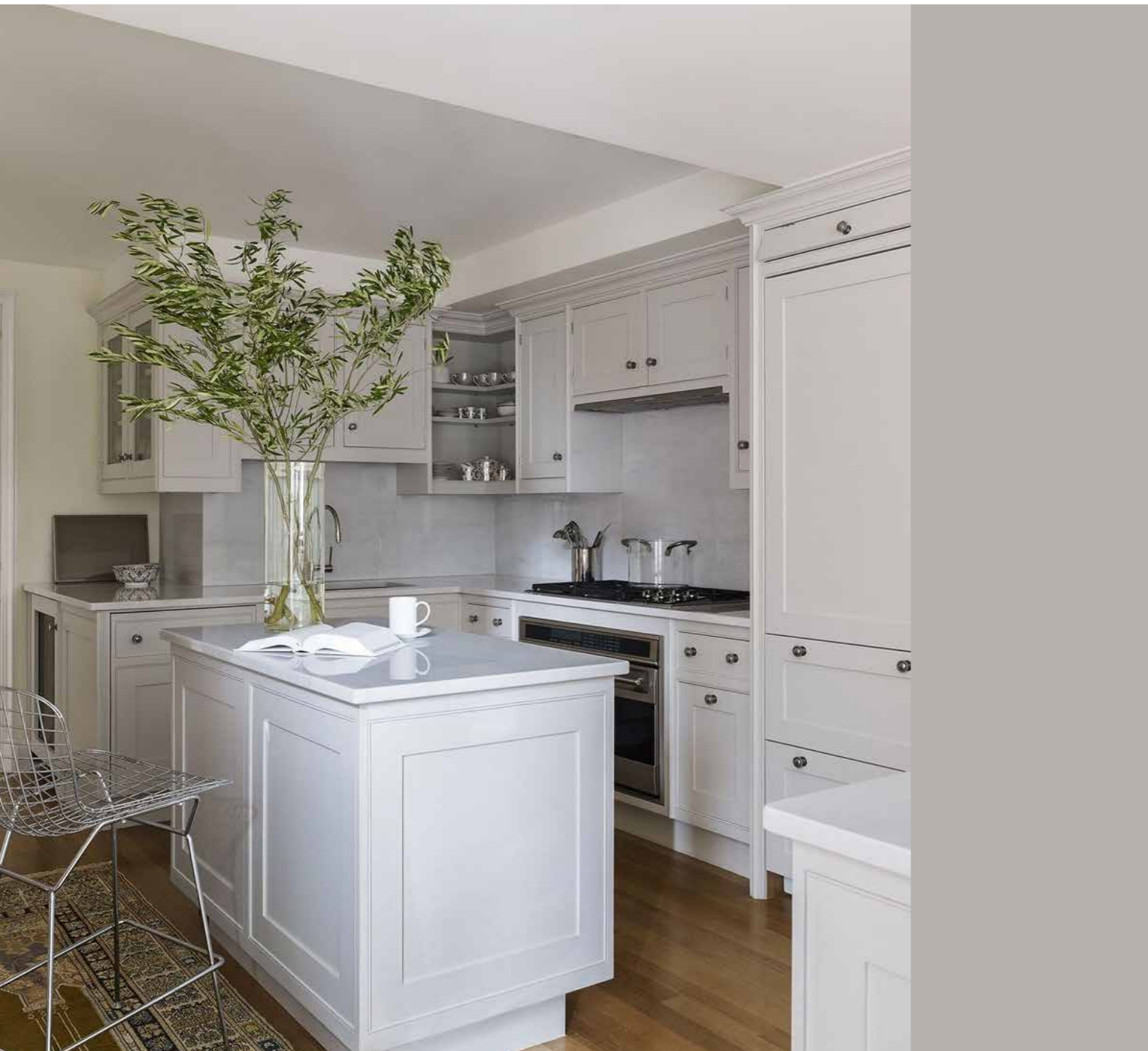
## KEEP A LOW PROFILE

“Using a low-profile cooktop that nests within the countertop leaves a smooth and continuous surface,” says Karen Williams of kitchen design firm St. Charles of NY.



## INVISIBLE HARDWARE

“Using invisible hardware creates a streamlined look. Exposed hardware can be distracting or overwhelming,” says Magon. Marble tiles in this modern kitchen of a Notting Hill townhouse set the foundation for a cool, clean space.



## WORKHORSE ISLAND

“Having an adjacent small surface is great for smaller kitchens. It can be used as a prep area, breakfast table, and miscellaneous storage.” says Williams. Inside a Gramercy Park apartment,

the kitchen’s range is by Wolf, the sink and fittings are by Lefroy Brooks, the cabinetry is by Smallbone of Devizes and the Bertioia barstool is by Knoll.



## CENTER THE SINK

In this Brooklyn townhouse, the sink is in middle of the island leaving surface space along the perimeter. The kitchen counters are Calacatta Gold marble, the backsplash tile

is by Waterworks, the range is by Capital, the stools are from ABC Carpet & Home and the light fixture is by Apparatus.



## HIDE IT UNDER A HOOD

“Use a ventilation unit that is tucked within a modern, geometric hood,” says Williams. Inside an East Hampton kitchen — designed by John Kureck and Doug Jones — you’ll

find stools by Thomas Hayes upholstered in a Holly Hunt leather, the cabinetry by Bulthaup, a range by Wolf, and the flooring that is antique French oak.

## GO BOLD ON THE FLOOR

An Upper West Side Apartment proves that style and practicality can co-exist. The kitchen contains a Bertazzoni oven, a Fisher & Paykel refrigerator, and marble counters; the subway tile is from Home Depot and the flooring is oak painted with a custom design.





## OPEN STORAGE

Floating shelves are open and airy in this Pennsylvania home. The cooktop is by Miele, the hood is by Zephyr, the sink fittings are by Dornbracht, the counters and shelving

are of Corian, and the pendant lights are by Horne; the floor is local bluestone, and the walls are painted in All White by Farrow & Ball.



## DISPLAY NICHEs

The Greek island of Folegandros serves as the perfect laid-back locale for designers Miguel Queda and Simone Ciarmoli's vacation home. Niches are used in place of a backsplash as a home for

tabletop items. The kitchen table is by Ciarmoli Queda Essentials, the 1950s chairs are from an Athens flea market, the pendant light is by THPG, and the wall lamps are by FontanaArte.



## ANTIQUÉ HUTCH AS STORAGE

Aside from a bright pop of color in the flooring, the kitchen of a Florence estate keeps things classic with an all-white palette. The kitchen cupboard and marble-topped Tuscan tables are 19th-century and the flooring is handmade cement tile from Florence.



## RICH, DEEP COLORS

Inside a Palm Springs home, the swanky decor recalls the glamour of Old Hollywood. Ebonized cerused oaks cabinets are sophisticated and cozy. The kitchen range, hood, and refrigerator are by Viking, the sink fittings are by Grohe, the stools are by BassamFellows.



## BUILT-IN BANQUETTE

The kitchen area of a '70s-era Monaco apartment, decorated by Emil Humbert and Christophe Poyet, is equal parts sleek and glam. The kitchen table and chairs face a banquette for extra seating.



## WHITE PAINTED FLOORS

Perfectly serene, artist Rachel Lee Hovnanian's Greenwich Village townhouse is the epitome of contemporary grandeur. The monochromatic room features white floors to match the cabinets and furniture.



## MOVABLE WALL

Inside this Palm Beach apartment by architect Lee Mindel, the interiors are inspired by the water, sand, and sky. Artwork by Mircea Suciuc hangs on the sliding wall of bleached mahogany that keeps the kitchen concealed from the rest of the space.



## INCORPORATE REPURPOSED WOOD

In the guest barn of Amanda Seyfried's cozy Catskills hideaway, the kitchen island is framed in concrete, with a base painted in Overcoat by Benjamin Moore; the pendant lights are a custom design, and sliding doors repurposed from the original horse stalls lead to the guest rooms.



## USE YOUR WALL SPACE

This minimalist Swedish cottage set on an island outside Stockholm couldn't be more charming. In this multi-functional space, the kitchen cabinets and appliances are installed along the back wall. The dining area features a removable staircase and a 19th-century Swedish table.



## GLASS-DOOR UPPER CABINETS

A lover of the Arts and Crafts movement, Madeline Stuart brings a new spirit to the California tradition of handmade artistry with her Beverly Hills cottage. The kitchen counters are quartzite, the cabinetry is custom made, and the flooring is Marmoleum. The glass door cabinets add depth while displaying the gorgeous collection of dishes.

## SUSPEND THE POTS AND PANS

An 18th-century sofa covered in a Fabricut fabric faces a wardrobe custom made from reclaimed wood and a Queen Anne corner chair in the bedroom of this Woodstock, NY home; the rug is vintage, the walls are painted in a custom C2 Paint color, and the ceiling and floors are of reclaimed wood.

## BOHEMIAN DETAILS

Not only does this New York City apartment look sleek, its little bohemian touches, like furry chair seats, lend a touch of carefree style. The kitchen's range and microwave are by Wolf, the refrigerator is by Sub-Zero, the custom hood is by Vent-a-Hood, and the countertop is Calacatta Gold marble.



## EXPOSED CEILING BEAMS

Exposed ceiling beams add interest without cluttering visual space. This once abandoned Swedish farmhouse is now a vision of Scandinavian and minimalist design. The kitchen's range, hood, and sink are all by Smeg, the fittings are by Vola, the counters are Carrara marble, and the cabinetry is painted in Farrow & Ball's Cornforth White.

# Minimalist Bedrooms That Are Gorgeous and Practical

When less is  
more, everything  
matters.



Having less stuff means  
everything in the room  
needs to be both gorgeous  
and practical. It's also a time  
to decorate and shop with  
intention.



## BOLD ACCENTS

While an all-white room may sound boring, it actually provides a blank canvas for a bold design scheme. Graphic rugs are used to dress up a white floor as a large abstract painting by Richard Aldrich hangs on the wall in this Hamptons home.

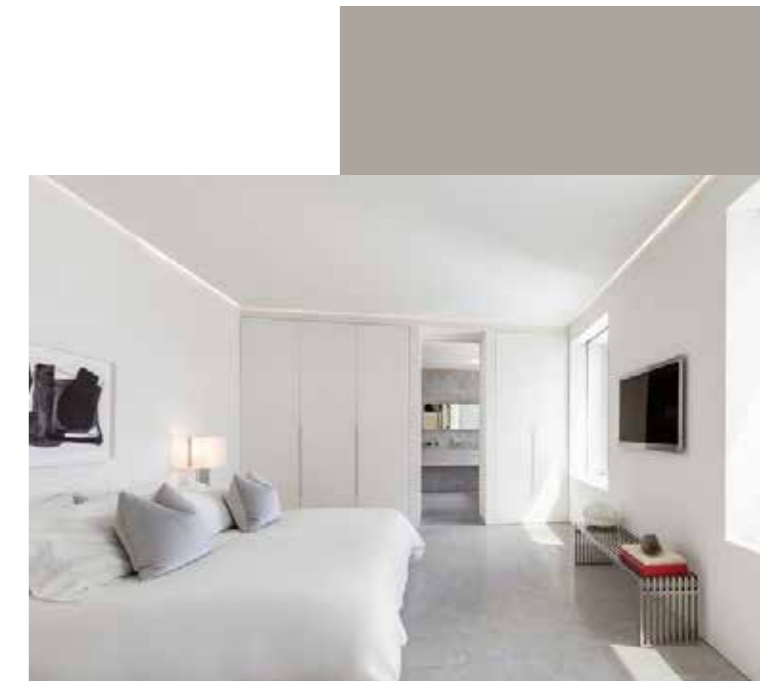


## ETHEREAL TEXTURE

Mattress heights are important in minimalist bedrooms—aficionados tend to like them on the lower side, as in this Neal Beckstedt–designed space. A suede is used as a luxe wallcovering.

## STARK WHITE WALLS

White walls don't distract from the stunning views in this Manhattan penthouse. Black-and-white art above the bed adds contrast.







## COZY AND RUSTIC

Layered textiles add texture to this white-and-wood bedroom. A Mexican wool jorongo in bold blue and yellow is draped over white bedding, while cozy fringed area rugs are used to cover the floor.



## FLOATING BED

In the iconic Round House, a circular suspended bed clears the floor and mimics the shape of the home. With walls of windows and limited space to hang paintings, the furniture also doubles as art.



## ZEN VIBES

An oak-paneled partition doubles as a rustic backdrop and a room divider in this Napa Valley home. A rattan bed adds texture to the space while maintaining the bucolic aesthetic.

## COOL NEUTRALS

Light grays complement bright whites in this Connecticut bedroom. Clean lines and simple shapes create a sophisticated and sleek space.



## A WOOD-CLAD CHALET BEDROOM

The master bedroom of this French ski retreat is brimming with light, accentuating the natural unvarnished wood structure. A unified, earthy palette meets clean lines and black and white, perfect for a serene and minimalist escape.

## INDUSTRIAL DETAILS

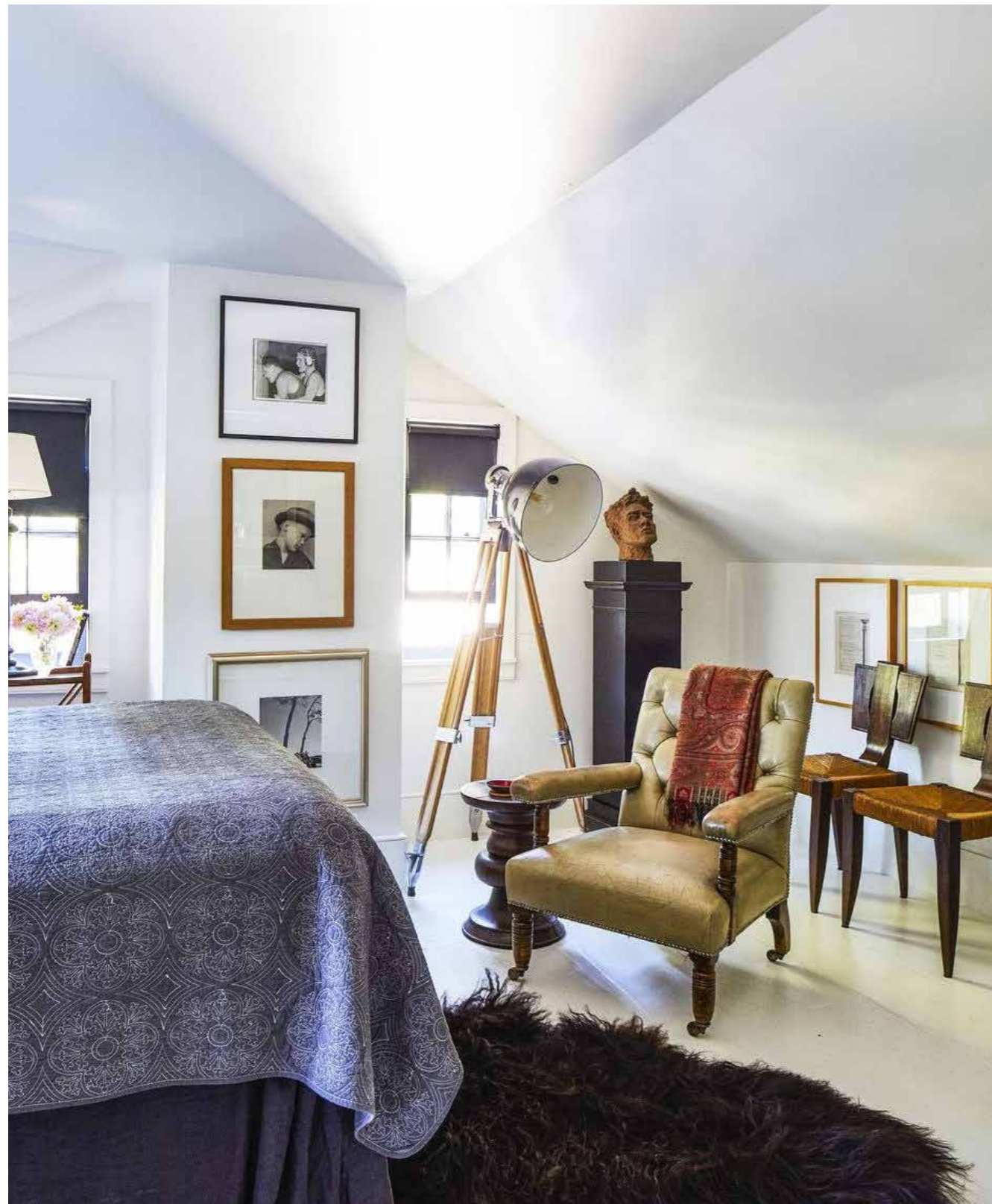
Raw concrete walls are softened by layering luxe blue textiles on the bed, window, and furniture. The undulating ceiling creates an otherworldly glow in this Alexandra Loew-designed home.



## ORIGINAL ARCHITECTURE

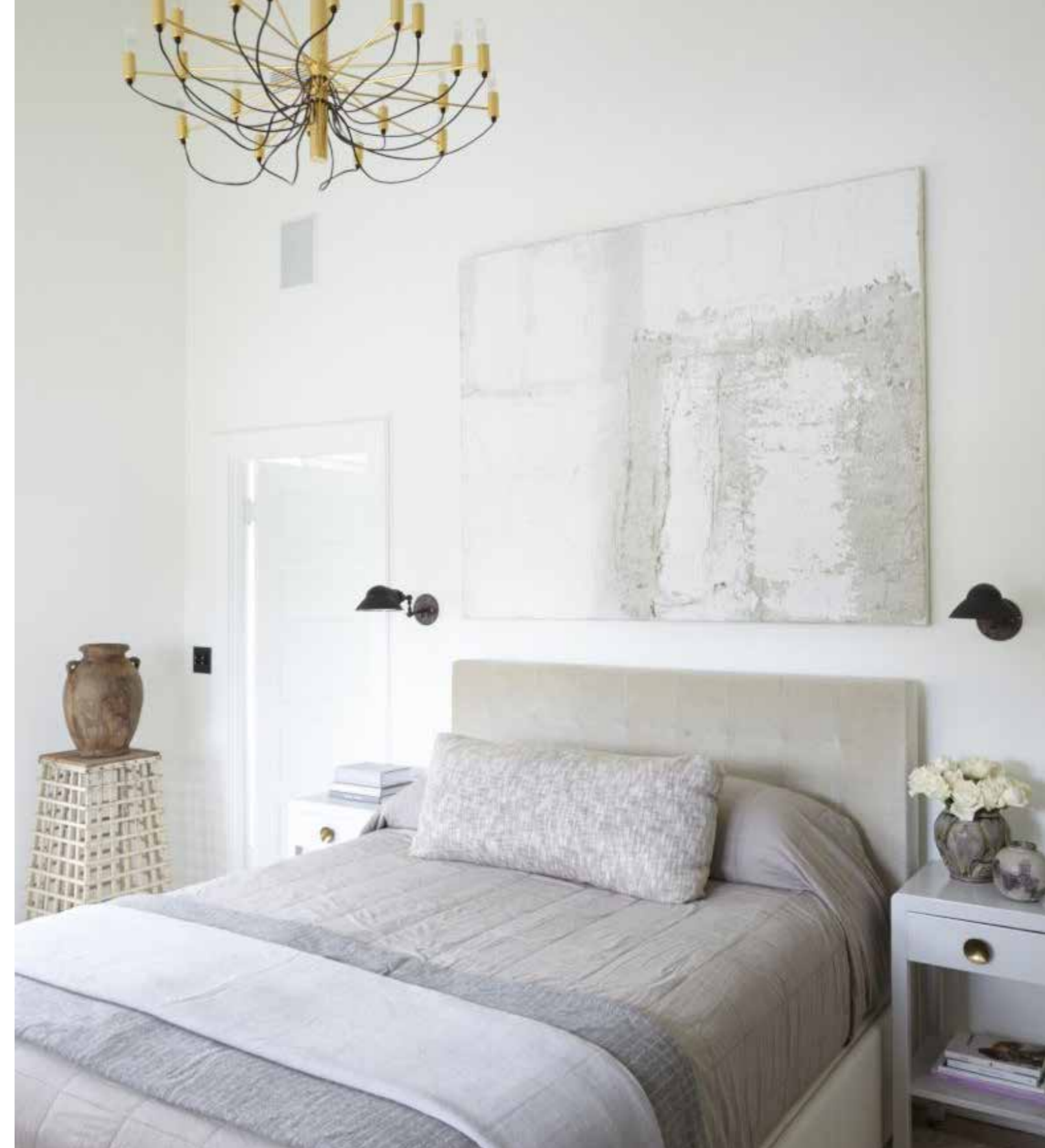
An iron canopy bed is placed under an original wood beam in the ceiling of this Jacques Grange-designed apartment. The streamlined space was inspired by the interiors of the Italian modernist Carlo Scarpa.





## HISTORIC HINTS

The master bedroom in a 19th-century Federal-style home strikes the perfect balance of vintage and minimalist. Brown and black accents are thoughtfully placed throughout the simple white space to create a crisp yet cozy feel.



## RESTFUL HAMPTONS FARMHOUSE

In a family's weekend retreat, the master bedroom is light and airy thanks to raised ceilings and a tastefully neutral palette. Modern art above the bed complements the minimalist vibe, while vintage nightstands and a statement chandelier add a homespun personality.



## TOUCHES OF BLUE

In this Los Angeles home, blue is paired with white slate for a striking aesthetic that is also calm and relaxed. The sheets and blanket are by Deborah Sharpe Linens, the pillow is covered in an 18th-century embroidered silk, and the rug is by Mark Nelson.



## WOOD-PANELED CEILING

In the Hamptons, architect Paul Masi and designer Damon Liss raised the elemental barn to a new level of sophistication with gray tones and subtly elegant design. The bedding in the master is by Matteo, the custom-made leather dresser is by BDDW, and the ceiling is covered in weathered cedar shingles.



### LIGHT-FILLED LOFT STYLE

In Ninni Ryott's diminutive rural cabin, a tiny sleeping loft is fitted with a bedside stool is from Åhléns, and the white linseed-oil paint on the walls is by Kulturhantverkarna Färg.



### PARISIAN LIGHT

A light palette visually opens up the small master bedroom of Paris fashion star Andrew Gn's Right Bank apartment. The 1950s rug is Swedish, the custom-made nightstands are by Benoit Langlade, and 1970s lamps flank the bed. The coverlet is by Le Rideau de Paris, and the armchair is Danish.

### SLEEK MINIMALISM

In the master bedroom of a midcentury abode in Ibiza, Spain, the walnut-and-metal bed is a custom design; the Gio Ponti floor tiles in the hallway were commissioned for the house.





## SUNNY SHADES

This simple and airy guest room is in the Portuguese holiday home owned by Spanish model Eugenia Silva. The beds are topped with crocheted-cotton coverlets from Bulgaria, the wall hanging is Portuguese, and the tile floor is original to the house.

## STATEMENT MINIMALIST

Haynes-Roberts make a West Village apartment sleek and chic as well as family-friendly. In the bedroom, the vintage Cityscape headboard is by Paul Evans, the bed is dressed in Casa del Bianco linens, the bedside tables are ebonized mahogany, the 1950s American lamps are from Wyeth, and the carpet is by Beauvais.



## A HIP TAKE ON VINEYARD STYLE

Designers Ariel Ashe and Reinaldo Leandro craft a hip new take on classic Martha's Vineyard style for fashion insider Meredith Melling and her family. The master bedroom's Hans Wegner Papa Bear chair and ottoman are from Modernica; the bed is dressed in a duvet cover from Parachute and a throw from L'Aviva Home, the chest is a custom design, and the rug is by John Robshaw.

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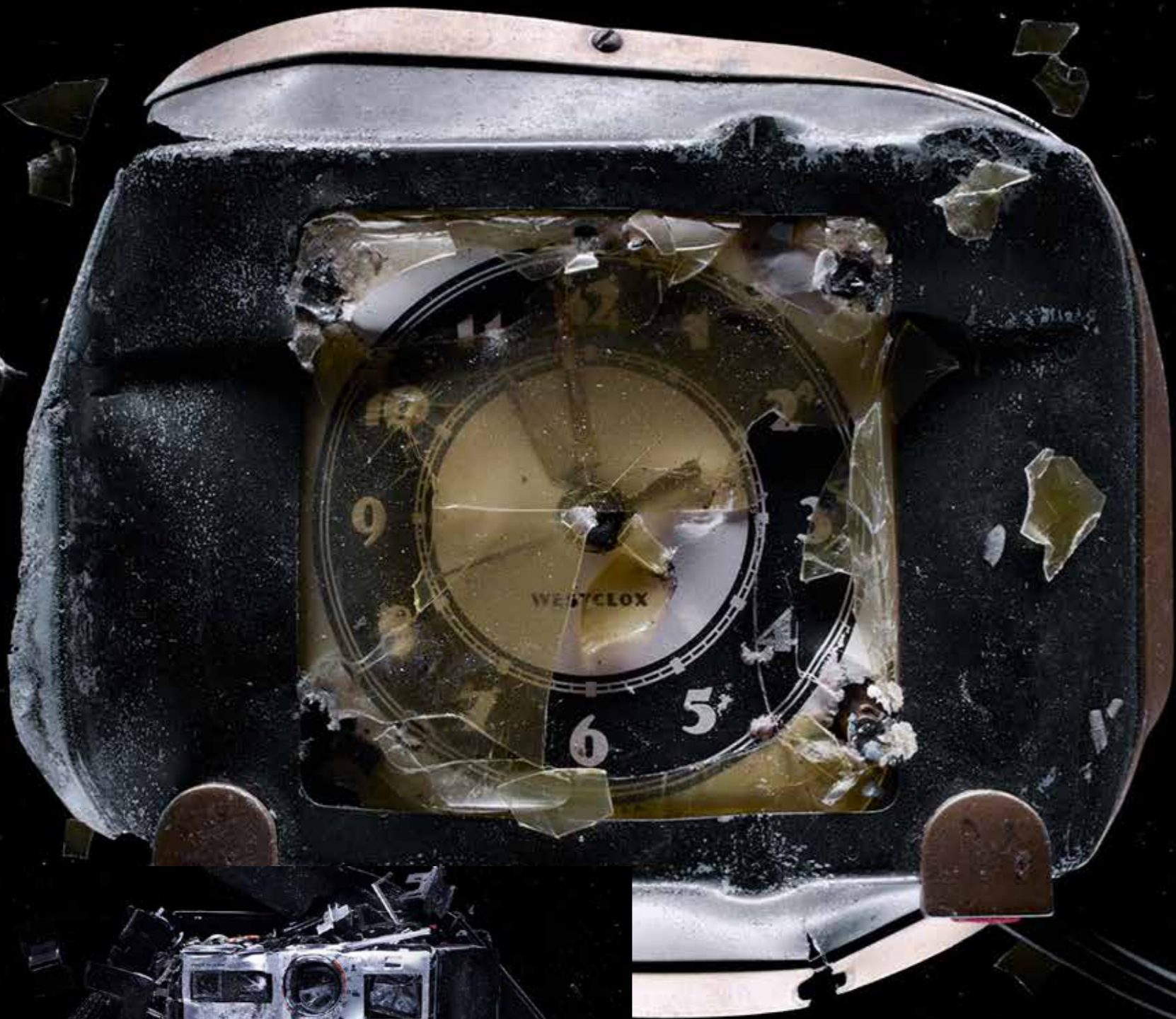
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