

THE LOOK

HAUTE & HISTORIC

by KATHLEEN WALSH



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“Adventurous. Livable. Transportive.”

It's how the founding designer of Kathleen Walsh Interiors describes her look for this 18th-century home in Westport, Connecticut. Learn how she leaned into color and texture to coax the clapboard colonial into its next era as a family-friendly four-seasons retreat.



Kathleen's way to the haute and historic look.

United by a feel-good palette of jewel tones, statement furniture and geometric patterns married the home's historic charm with her clients' eclectic tastes.

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Re-create the look.

Key pieces picked by Kathleen, from modern-style furniture to cozy throws.

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Barclay Butera
Sydney Armchair
\$2,779 ~~\$5,599~~



Visual Comfort
Kelly Wearstler Linden 1 - Light Medium Bedside Table Lamp
\$739



Ambella Home Collection
Bamboo 38" Single Bathroom Vanity Set
\$3,152



Bernhardt
Jax Marble End Table
\$1,236



Ambella Home Collection
Tambour 38" Single Bathroom Vanity Set
\$4,200 ~~\$6,695~~



Ambella Home Collection
Slant Solid Wood Accent Chest
\$2,147 ~~\$3,495~~

“Be creative and take risks. Spaces are more interesting when they tell your story.”

Merging the past with the present brings out the best in both.

Using the clients' existing modern pieces as a springboard, Kathleen energized the centuries-old spaces with furniture in dynamic silhouettes. Varying textures (like linen and velvet) and bold colors (like red, blue, and gold) continued the theme of unexpected contrast.



Brought over from the clients' former loft in Manhattan, barrel chairs in plum velvet upholstery happened to pair beautifully with the home's honeyed pine woodwork – so much so, Kathleen splashed purples throughout.



Alessi Michael Graves
2.11 qt. Signature...
\$190



Water Tower
\$275



Series 11 TV Stand for TVs up to 88"
\$1,919.20



Wicket Bar & Counter Stool
\$461.58



Construct 2 Drawer Console
\$1,799



Tower Dining Table
\$4,175

“To make a color feel more prominent in a room, add it to a horizontal surface, a vertical surface, and an accent.”

So as to not compete with the home's garden setting, Kathleen opted for lively geometric patterns in lieu of florals, indoors and out. This also helped create a look that's more sophisticated than sweet.



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