

SPACE OF THE MONTH

# When Life Imitates Art

Visitors feel right at home in this picture-perfect guest room.

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### Meet the Owner

#### ERIN WHEELER

While designing the guest room of her home in Raleigh, North Carolina, Erin knew what she was going for: the eclectic and layered coziness of a boutique hotel. The designer and stylist behind the website Sunny Circle Studio says her secret to success was letting herself have fun. She wanted the decor to make people smile; a unique wallpaper inspired by her love of vintage art does just that. Among the eye-catching patterns and textures are thoughtful touches—blackout curtains, plenty of hooks—to ensure guests enjoy their stay.



Stock the nightstand with magazines, and set out flowers.



### Get the Look

#### FOLLOW A FORMULA

To achieve the quirky boutique aesthetic, Erin incorporated all her favorite design elements: blue hues, stripes, playful prints, midcentury pieces, and a vintage rug and portraits. The different pattern scales keep the space lively.

#### MASTER THE MIX

Prints from artfullywalls.com complement Erin's collection of vintage portraits, a combination of family heirlooms and Etsy finds. (Thrift shops and yard sales are also excellent sources of affordable art.) The mismatched frames amplify the playfulness, but the art still feels cohesive because it's all the same genre.

#### CHOOSE A FOCAL POINT

Layering art on top of art-themed wallpaper from Chasing Paper might have felt excessive if Erin had done so around the whole room. Going with just one wall is easier on the eyes.

**TO BUY:** Denim with White Pinstripes Rectangular Pillow, from \$35; society6.com. Addie Stripe Tassel Pillow Cover, from \$88; serenaandlily.com. Winter + Summer Cotton Coverlet, from \$159; schoolhouse.com. Safavieh Vintage Hamadan Rug, \$217; homedepot.com. Crate & Kids Bodie Nightstand, \$349; crateandbarrel.com. Thatcher Lamp, \$104; bedbathandbeyond.com. Vintage Art Peel-and-Stick Wallpaper, from \$40; chasingpaper.com. Florida by Janet Hill, from \$97 (framed); artfullywalls.com.