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# hacienda chic

BANISH THE BLAND  
WITH SPICY COLORS  
AND FURNISHINGS  
WITH FLAIR.

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OPPOSITE: Reclaimed wood doors and a light fixture found in a shop in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, add authentic Latin flavor to this Texas music room. A painting above the piano and to the left of the doors features Chupa Chups, a popular Mexican brand of lollipop. Green moldings and door trim throughout the room are distressed for an aged appearance. ABOVE: Ashley Astleford chose vibrant tiles, painted cast-iron chairs, and folk-art cut-paper picados to create a fiesta-like mood on this outdoor patio and kitchen space. The table is crafted of reclaimed wood. BELOW: A little paint goes a long way toward giving modern furniture a Hacienda makeover. RIGHT: A tablescape inspired by Mexican culture is rich with character, fresh flowers and a ribbon chandelier.







ABOVE: The spirit—not the country of origin—is what counts in Hacienda Chic style. Here, a painted Romanian twin bed is right at home with a Mexican tin mirror and painted stool. Your home is not a museum, so feel free to experiment. LEFT: Clear acrylic ghost chairs become spunky with outlined accents in blue and turquoise chalky-finish paint. BELOW: An assortment of hand-blown vintage glass pendants from ABC Carpet & Home in New York City are hung at random heights above a dining room table. RIGHT: Grand architectural elements like a dramatic Mexican mantel define a living room. The sides were custom designed by Astleford Interiors. The large rug consists of remnants sewn and patched together from Persian rugs from the 1930s. An oversize metal candelabrum offers a crowning touch.





## Interior designer Ashley Astleford thinks “neutral” is a dirty word.

“Stark,” “pale” and “monochromatic” aren’t usually in her vocabulary either. Instead, her signature style, which she calls Hacienda Chic, goes beyond design clichés and brings bold elements to any space.

“My goal is to mix modern and Mexican elements into a sophisticated, balanced look,” Ashley explains. The designer, who loves Latin and Spanish fashion, food and antiques, splits her time between Dallas and Southern California.

“Hacienda-style terra-cotta roofs, stucco walls and tile floors work particularly well in these hot climates,” she says, “but the patterns and colors found in Mexican culture are relevant in every climate.”

It’s easy to see from Ashley’s work how unexpected color makes a room come alive. Giving a prominent role to one bold hue revitalizes a space. She uses pillows with punch, candles in a glowing red, and patterned fabrics to highlight a Mexican palette.

Mixing carved wood and handpainted tiles with furniture of a different style or region works because with Hacienda Chic style, there aren’t a lot of rules. Those who love white-on-white decor should look elsewhere, but for the rest of us, Ashley’s signature style offers a fiesta of great ideas! 🌺

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Find Ashley and her associates online at [www.astlefordinteriors.com](http://www.astlefordinteriors.com).

