

Hollywood glam meets vintage vibes in this cool and colourful home in the hills

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**Mid-century meal** Vintage buys in bright colours pop against the dining room's white walls and floor. The table, chairs and artwork were all bought from the same store in Miami.  
**Vantage point** "The view from the house over the canyon and downtown LA is simply phenomenal," says homeowner Caroline. →

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IT'S NOT OFTEN YOU COME ACROSS a rental home where the owner is happy for you to rip out carpet, hang wallpaper and put nails in the walls. There is one thing that might help get them over the line though – and that's if the tenant happens to be interior designer Caroline Legrand. "I was looking for a very 'LA' mid-century-style house, not too big and surrounded by nature," Caroline recalls. "Once I found it, I signed the lease and completely redesigned the whole place in just four weeks."

**DESIGNER'S EYE** True to form, Caroline couldn't wait to put her own stamp on the home, which is perched high up on the hill in Laurel Canyon, West Hollywood. "I ripped out all of the carpet and made the rooms more interesting by adding wallpaper and different textures," she says. "As it's a rental, and I'm not sure how long I'll live here for, I tried to keep the cost as low as possible while still making it cool and my own." And that she did. Every room in Caroline's home exhibits her signature style.

**MID-CENTURY MIX** A playful and bold mix of colour, texture and shape – plus loads of statement vintage finds – combine for a look that Caroline describes as "mid-century modern meets LA glamour". Dusty pink carpet, chocolate brown and gold-flecked cork wallpaper and vibrant artworks and sculptures infuse the home with a generous dose of personality and pizzazz. "I chose cream tones for the main living area though, as I wanted the space to seamlessly link multiple rooms," she explains.

**SAVVY SHOPPER** When it comes to sourcing furniture, Caroline loves to comb through vintage stores and also shop online. "I've bought quite a few pieces from Chairish.com and 1stdibs.com, but most of my things are from my favourite vintage dealer in Miami," Caroline says. "LA has great vintage stores and other incredible furniture stores, but they're pretty expensive!" 🍷

### who lives here?

Caroline Legrand, an interior designer, with her two sons, Oscar, 16, and Arthur, 14, and Master Yoda the Miniature Poodle.  
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**White hot** The main living area is fairly neutral compared to the rest of the home. The coffee table was bought on Craigslist, and the Terje Ekström "Ekstrem" sculptural chairs on 1stdibs. The photographic artwork is by Anne Dokter.

**Make yourself at home** "I love the simple yet sophisticated feel of our place – it's very warm, cosy and easy to live in," says Caroline. →



### clever ways to style awkward nooks

**1** A statement chair instantly creates a practical and stylish place for you to put shoes on or wait for your partner to get ready. Add a plant or lamp, if you like.

**2** Make use of the space and set up a home office. All you need is a comfy chair and desk that fits into your nook. Hang shelves above for extra storage.

**3** Create a striking display or vignette on a shelving unit or narrow console using books and vessels or everyday items like jewellery, hats and perfume.



**Sitting pretty** Pink carpet is a playful feature in the bedroom. "I felt like using a tropical colour - we're in LA after all!" Caroline says. The silver foil wall sculpture is from Mid Century Swag.



**Upon reflection** A statement wicker mirror and shapely vessels add texture and interest. **Lounge around** An armless sofa provides the perfect spot to stretch out, read or relax.



**Golden girl** "The chocolate brown, gold and cream tones are so warm and chic and create a real Hollywood-glamour feel," Caroline says of the TV room. The cork wallpaper, which has flecks of gold colour, is from Phillip Jeffries. →

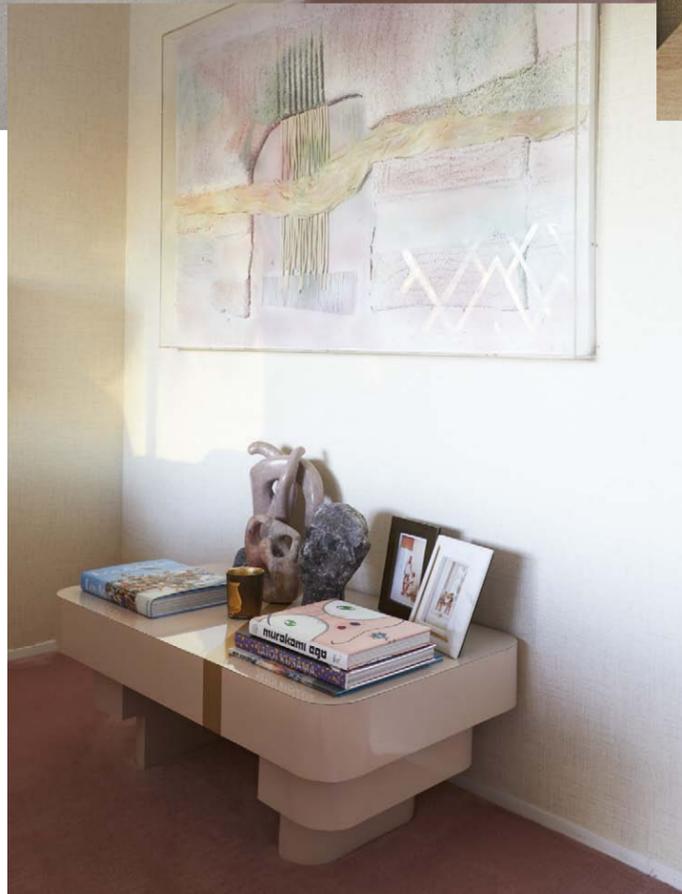




**Good egg** An egg chair from Wertz Brothers in LA adds a cool, retro vibe.  
**Pastel hues** Stone sculptures and books decorate a pink resin table.



**Floral fancy** Fresh pink gerberas brighten up a neutral bedside table in the master bedroom.  
**All about the bed** "I fell in love with the Milo Baughman burlwood canopy bed and designed the guest bedroom around it," Caroline says.



**make it yours**

Personalise your home office, like Caroline has done here, with family photographs, sentimental items, mementos or trinkets collected on travels and some interesting art or desktop sculptures. →

**Handy work** Caroline's quirky office space keeps her inspired and energised. She found the fluorescent vintage hand-shaped chair at Wertz Brothers – it's comfy and eye-catching!

**Cosy zone** A pair of plump Turkish beanbags, colourful woollen cushions and leather daybed make the guest house warm and inviting. The oversized Zuma Beach sign is a beloved find.



shop it! Get the LA vibe with retro-inspired pieces



**1** Plateau Medium **table** in White, \$999, Blu Dot. **2** Large travertine **tray**, \$99.95, Addition Studio. **3** IVV "Speedy" **tumbler** in Amber, \$150 for set of 6, House. **4** Stoneware **cup** in Mustard Yellow, \$9.99, H&M Home. **5** *Vanilla Glaze* **artwork** by Rachael McCully Kerwick (62cm x 52cm), \$850 framed, Curatorial+Co. **6** Noeline 93cm **mirror**, \$199, Freedom. **7** Hearth Collective "Small Space" **sculpture** in Terracotta and Timber by Alichia Van Rhijn, \$80, Modern Times. **8** Jonathan Adler "Muse" **candle** in D'or, \$165, Coco Republic. **9** Halston **console**, \$1995, Sarah Ellison. **10** Abacus table **lamp** in Mercury, \$259, West Elm. **11** Felix Chubby occasional **chair** in Malt, \$1350, GlobeWest. **12** Long Beach 3-seat **sofa** in Bellevue Ivory, \$2499, Lounge Lovers. **13** Castle Road Interiors "Callia" **cushion**, \$61.95, Zanui. **14** Carved **vase** in Natural, \$43, Zakkia, holding **Monstera leaf** (55cm), \$6.95, Freedom. **15** Percy **armchair** in Flambé Pink, \$649, Brosa. **16** Etch **pot** in Desert, \$69 (plant not included), Capra Designs.



**Colours and finishes**  
 FROM LEFT Taubmans Endure low-sheen interior **paint** in Akimbo, \$71.90 for 4L. Natural linen texture **wallpaper** in JC20310, \$258 for 10m roll, The Ivory Tower. Aina **curtains** in Beige, \$89 for pair, Ikea. Eco+ "Horizons" twist **carpet** in Skyline, \$214.59 a lineal m, Choices Flooring.

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