

kem eva
theilig's tips



Set the scene:

A low sofa defines the seating area and gives it a laid-back feel while preserving the openness of a loftlike space.

Mix it up:

Instead of buying a suite of furniture from a catalog, mix new pieces from a variety of sources. Sprinkling in older items that have been accumulated over time will add a personal touch.

Nurture well-being
through color:

A neutral palette is restful and sets the stage for vibrant accents that draw the eye around the room.



This living room, designed by San Francisco-based Kem Eva Theilig as she staged a home for sale in Encinitas, California, lured us with its Zen appeal and open floor plan. Built in 1929 as a caretaker's house and set on 15 acres, the 3,000-square-foot structure has only two bedrooms, making it ideal for a couple or a single person. Using low-slung seating and modern accent pieces, Theilig tailored the decor to the loungey look young buyers might desire. She removed several walls,

flooding the room with natural light, and opted for a neutral scheme to foster tranquility. Then, she says, "we focused on an eclectic mix of furnishings and fabrics, some with dark accents and straight lines and other pieces with rounded profiles in lighter natural materials." For instance, the metal-framed sofa harmonizes with the cool, limestone-faced fireplace, and is warmed by the sisal rug and rattan chairs. Like Theilig's style? See the following page to find ways of making it your own.

“ showcase a piece of art, a view, or an architectural element by choosing furniture that sets it off ”

— Kem Eva Theilig

armchairs



MONTEITH Native finish. 33" high x 28" wide x 32" deep. \$1,459. Ficks Reed.



LOUNGE CHAIR Item #W5-40. 30" high x 30" wide x 33½" deep. \$3,790. McGuire Furniture.



SACHA SQUARE IslandBreeze collection. 30" high x 35" wide x 32" deep. \$580. Environ.

side tables



JACOBS 20½" high x 22" diameter. \$1,595. Julian Chichester.



REED INLAY 25½" high x 24" diameter. \$230. Silver Plume.



LAMP TABLE Item #3757. 30" high x 27" diameter. \$3,405. Baker.

sofas



PLUS ARMLESS 33" high x 79" wide x 37" deep. \$999. Crate & Barrel.



LIANA 34" high x 77" wide x 35" deep. \$2,325. Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams.



LOFT 30" high x 82" wide x 34" deep. \$1,198. Chlasso.