

Tough LOVE

Under the expert eye of designer Allison Garrison, sleek industrial style and a more organic look converge in this California new build

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HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY

A new-build house

ROOMS Kitchen, sitting room, utility, office, three bedrooms, three bathrooms

LOCATION San Diego, USA

SITTING ROOM

'Liliana wanted her lighting to feel artistic,' says Allison of the dramatic chain chandelier.

Art by Gretchen Weller-Howard, Gallery Orange. Layla Linear chandelier, Arteriors. Oka's Patala teak vase is a good alternative



OFFICE

'Plum was the perfect colour to go bolder in Liliana's private space,' says Allison. 'Paired with black shelving (opposite), it adds dramatic personality.'

Walls in a similar colour to Berry Smoothie by Claybrook. Try the black capiz shell chandelier, Kalam Art Studio



LANDING

A structural lamp is paired with the playful curves of the cupboard.

Cantrell lamp, Arteriors. Try Tikamoon's Olga sideboard



HOW DID YOU COME TO BE INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT?

Liliana and I had worked together before after we were introduced by her estate agent. When she bought an old bungalow in Southern California to turn into a two-storey house, she invited me to work with her again. I came on board after the architect had completed the first design and I advised Liliana with design refinements, established the build team and delivered the interior scheme. The house is in a lively and beautiful coastal town.

WHAT DOES LILIANA LIKE ABOUT YOUR APPROACH TO DESIGN?

Liliana knew I would respect her vision rather than impose a particular look. As the founder of the Coyote Ugly Saloons, she's one of the warmest people you'll meet, but she also has an undeniable cool toughness – and strong ideas. Her taste is diverse, but I'm comfortable with mixing styles and influences to reflect who lives in a property yet still create a cohesive design.

WHAT WAS LILIANA'S BRIEF?

She wanted a home that felt relaxing and connected to its natural surroundings in coastal Southern California. However, she's also lived in New York and New Orleans and wanted to mark these moments without the interiors feeling 'themed'. The biggest juxtapositions in her taste were organic versus glam and neutrals versus colour, so it was important to find a balance.



CLOAKROOM

The wallpaper is a tribute to the spirit of New Orleans where Liliana once lived.

New Orleans Toile Backstreets wallpaper by Alexa Pulitzer, Flavor Paper. For a similar Calacatta Viola marble basin, try Imperium Marble at Etsy



KITCHEN
'Liliana loves cooking and wanted the range cooker to be the showpiece, which we customised in a simple white with gold knobs,' says Allison. 'We used wipeable paint instead of a splashback.'

Dulux's EasyCare range at B&Q is a washable paint. Try Ilve Milano 90 single 6-burner, Rangecookers

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MAIN EN SUITE

'The tiles are the element that give this space its personality,' says Allison.

Santee pendant by Troy Lighting, All Square Lighting. Try Tulum Earth tiles, Otto Tiles & Design, and Nettuno Jute tiles, Claybrook. Lusso's Casa shower screen is similar



MAIN BEDROOM

The bold bed with its globe legs is the star here.

Walls in a similar colour to Oval Room Blue, Farrow & Ball. Try Bicheno mango bed, Sklum

HOW DID YOU RESPOND TO HER BRIEF?

New York has an edgy, sophisticated vibe, noted in the black window frames, leather accessories and living room chain chandelier. New Orleans' sense of history, opulence and fun is seen in the gilt lighting and wallpaper in the downstairs bathroom. The gentle touches, wood tones and organic materials reflect the softness and light of the Southern Californian setting. Rather than reference the three locations separately, we layered elements from them all throughout her home, so they blend and flow and feel cohesive.

DID LILIANA'S HISTORY WITH THE COYOTE UGLY SALOONS HAVE AN INFLUENCE?

She has a bold, adventurous side, so while she wanted her home to feel relaxing and comfortable, it also needed personality, edge and a little glamour to make it feel like her. The business has been such a huge part of Liliana's life, so naturally we wanted that history to have a place in her home. In the office, we incorporated memorabilia along with treasured gifts from members of her executive team.

WHAT'S BEEN THE BIGGEST SUCCESS?

We're really pleased with how we've created a home that seamlessly incorporates so many juxtaposing influences. The project came together in a way that feels collected, personal and very much like Liliana – she's thrilled. 🍷

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BEDROOM

'This is one of the softer, more organic bedrooms, with mustard yellow and earthy browns for warmth and depth,' says Allison.

Kate bed in mustard velvet, Soho Home, is similar. Link rightward, View Home. Try the Talianan screen, Apparatus