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Warm Embrace

THE SEASON'S NUANCED, REASSURING PALETTES UNDERSCORE THE INNATE COMFORT OF COLOR.

WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY GRACE BEULEY HUNT

Color is personal and visceral, the perfect hue as cosseting as a cashmere wrap. Just ask designer Danielle Balanis, who swathed the walls of her office in an uplifting sage green and the ceilings in a sunny paisley wallpaper. Formerly the shadowy basement of her Mountain Brook, Alabama residence, Balanis made it her mission to imbue the newly crafted work-from-home space with optimism and inspiration, relying on garden-fresh tones and her collections of cherished artworks and antiques. "The colors are healing," she says. "It's my cocoon of creativity. I come down here, get lost and find my groove."



"Mustard is my number one, go-to color," effuses designer Danielle Balanis. As testament, buffalo check portieres, Schumacher's Katara paisley wallpaper on the ceiling and gimp fabric trimming the millwork bring a cheerful disposition to her otherwise deep green office space. daniellebalanis.com