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"SHOP LOCAL AND SHOP OFTEN" IS DECORATOR ANNE CASHER'S MOTTO. IT'S ALSO KEY TO THE CURATED STYLE SHE'S ENCOURAGED

in the home she shares with her husband, Richard, in Simsbury, Connecticut. "I love the thrill of the hunt," Anne says. By frequenting local consignment and secondhand stores, she's assembled impressive collections of mercury glass, art, marble boards, convex mirrors, and ironstone—without breaking the bank. Inspired by her French heritage and her European travels, Anne freely mixes fine antiques and her old treasures with new rugs, draperies, and upholstered pieces. "Our home is traditional but with a twist," Anne says. "It's a little carefree and not so perfect."

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textural tableau

Anne Casher neatly gathers a few of her favorite things on the family room's mirrored coffee table by pressing a vintage marble board into service as a tray.



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modern viewpoint

In the entry, a geometric-pattern grass-cloth wallpaper gives a salvaged window frame, retrofitted with mirrored glass, fresh appeal. "I love to mix old things with new," Anne says. "They balance each other, each making the other feel fresh and interesting."



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artistic arrangement

Anne snaps up original portrait sketches and oil paintings from thrift stores at bargain prices and gives them a luxe look with new frames. Leaning her artsy finds against walls or furniture instead of hanging them relaxes the pieces so they exude classical appeal without any stuffiness.



OVERLAP
SMALL OBJECTS
SO THE EYE
READS THEM
AS A SINGLE,
STRONGER
WHOLE.



opposites attract

Use layers of architectural salvage to add instant patina to a room. To balance the rusticity of weathered wooden elements in her living room, Anne partners the finds with convex mirrors and a contemporary mirrored coffee table. Gray walls and natural linen upholstery maintain a neutral outlook, so interesting combinations of texture, rather than color, give the room rich character.

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the right ingredients

An antique sideboard and table set the stage for elegant meals in the dining room. The addition of glass and silver accents Anne found at local secondhand stores keeps the mood light and youthful. Flirty striped silk draperies and French-style chairs, which Anne clad in lilac velvet after she found them at an estate sale, strike a feminine note.



"I LOVE HUNTING FOR **original** ART MY
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ADDS **soul** AND MAKES OUR HOME FEEL **unique**."

—DECORATOR AND HOMEOWNER ANNE CASHER



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seeing double

Amplify the shimmer of sparkly accessories by arranging them on glass or in front of a mirror. Anne's prized mercury glass vases twinkle atop a modern glass-top coffee table in the sunroom.

lofty presentation

Pull off the doors on hard-to-reach upper cabinets to transform them into prime display space. Anne showcases her extensive collection of white ironstone in transom-style openings bordering her kitchen. An open-ended island delivers additional exhibition space.



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**maverick
matchmaking**

In a nod to her love for old notions, Anne dresses her bed with a ruffled linen dust skirt and humble linen shams. But she plays to her contemporary sensibilities by mixing in a playful zebra-print coverlet. "I don't like it when everything looks brand new," Anne says. "I like decor that's personal and a little unpredictable."

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shop smart

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tray chic

Anne neatly corrals jewelry atop her bedside table with an antique silver tray. She uses trays throughout her home to create pretty vignettes featuring small objects picked up at flea markets.



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mirror image

Vintage blue glassware discovered at a local secondhand store contributes a refreshing splash of color to the master bath. Mirrored closet doors create a sense of spaciousness, which Anne amplified with dual see-through metal washstands.

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