

# Country Living

*the joy of*

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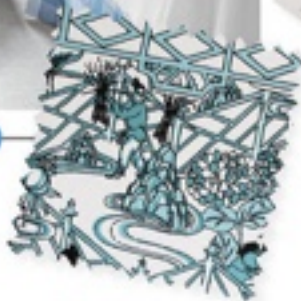
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## MEG BRAFF

"MY KIND OF COUNTRY"

The designer, antiques store owner, and author—her new book, *The Decorated Home*, is out now—talks color, collectibles, and more.

**You're known for your unapologetic use of color. What are the color rules you live by?**

I try to limit myself to one really bold statement per room—like a fuchsia wallcovering or a turquoise sofa. When in doubt, keep it simple.

**Do you have a tried-and-true paint shade?**

Actually, I rarely use the same color twice! We're always custom-mixing paints to match wallpaper or fabrics—or to go with the location of a house. I'm working on a ranch in Texas now, and the home's palette truly reflects the earthy tones outside. It's such a beautiful setting that we wanted the design to fade into the hills.

**Speaking of outdoor settings, what are your backyard must-haves?** Every yard should have a comfortable place to sit and chat over drinks. **Garden Bench (1)**, \$249; [grandinroad.com](http://grandinroad.com)

**What's an impulse buy you just can't resist?**

I love the tiny gadgets up at the register at hardware stores, like keychain screwdrivers.

**Multi-tool Keychain (2)**, \$4; [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com)

**Can't miss collectible?**

I love lettuceware! I've been building my collection for years. **Cup and Saucer (3)**, \$120 for set of 2; [toryburch.com](http://toryburch.com)

**Besides your shop, Meg Braff Designs, what's your favorite spot for antiquing?**



My town, Locust Valley, New York, has wonderful shops such as The Finer Things and Early & Co. I also love buying at auctions because everything has an interesting provenance.

**Most recent antiquing score?**

One fabulous find was a set of chinoiserie wallpapers that I had remounted. They were sitting in an old box at a sleepy little auction house.

**You do seem to love wallpaper.**

**What's your latest pick?**

Oriental Pastorale from our collection; it's a bit exotic and combines chinoiserie, bright color, and treillage. **Patterned Wallpaper (4)**, \$144 per roll; [megbraffdesigns.com](http://megbraffdesigns.com)

**It's Saturday. How are you whiling away the afternoon?**

Gardening and planting in my yard. **Seed Collection (5)**, \$25; [floretoflowers.com](http://floretoflowers.com) and **Floral Gloves**, \$38; [shopterrain.com](http://shopterrain.com)