

# California dreamy

Designer Nathan Turner brings his sunny, spirited style to his cousin's Los Angeles bungalow. By Kelly Phillips Badal

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hen it came to decorating her L.A. home, actress Stephanie Turner had an ace up her sleeve: her cousin,

celebrated interior designer Nathan Turner. The two Angelenos are sibling-tight-and in sync stylistically too. "We're both drawn to mix-matched patterns and antiques," says Nathan. "And we share a love of California."

That love played out in every inch of the 1920s bungalow that Stephanie purchased with her husband, Chris Ganan, a few years ago. "Nathan's suggestion was to embrace what it already was: a cottage-y house," says Stephanie, who worked in Nathan's eponymous West Hollywood showroom for five years.

Together, the Turners worked room by room over a nine-

month period to combine the pieces Stephanie already owned with budget-friendly finds from eBay and flea markets, as well as from Nathan's showroom. Ticking stripes, floral prints, and natural materials jibe with the home's cottage roots, while contemporary furnishings and oversize photos keep the look from going granny. In addition, every room is awash in color. "We have such great light on the West Coast," Nathan says. "You can't waste that light on just white and beige."

The house is unabashedly pretty, sure, but it's also proven to be functional for Stephanie, Chris, and their now 1-year-old daughter, Nora. "It's small, cozy, and each little place has a purpose," says Stephanie. "That's what I'm really proud of."

While decorating projects can strain even the strongest relationships, the Turner cousins say their collaboration was seamless. "We're like weird twins in our personalities," says Nathan, laughing. "We were both a bit sad when it was all finished."

#### **BREAK A FEW RULES**

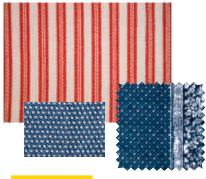
Lacking layout options in her small master bedroom (right), Stephanie placed the bed against the windows—a Design 101 no-no. "I was so surprised when Nathan loved it," she says. It works thanks to the long vintagefabric curtains, which soften the area where the bed overlaps with the panes. Zig cotton dhurrie, from \$198; serenaandlily.com.

### JUXTAPOSE STYLES

Nathan achieves his unfussy brand of chic by not hewing to one era or decor style. In the small dining area (opposite top), that means combining a grasscloth wallpaper with a statement-making light fixture. In the living room (opposite bottom), paisley curtains and an ethnic rug meet clean-lined furniture. Dining room: The Original pendant light, \$2,750; amesinghamlighting.com. Samoa Weave Arrowroot wall covering, \$294/roll; ralphlaurenhome.com. Libations antique brass bar cart, \$599; crateandbarrel. com. Living room: Lacefield Bindi Kelly curtain fabric, \$22/yard; fabrics.com.







# DESIGNER PICKS

# Pattern plays

To make a variety of prints work in one space, change up the scale, says Nathan. Stripes bridge everything: "They're almost like a neutral as far as I'm concerned."

- > Red cotton twill ticking, \$9.95/yard; kittredgemercantile.com.
- > French ring sheet set in navy, from \$128; serenaandlily.com.
- Rattan in Canal, \$147/yard; luruhome.com.







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## **Outdoor essentials**

For an alfresco living space, just repeat the interior's formula: Comfortable seating, tables, pillows, and rugs.

- Mahal block print indoor/ outdoor lumbar pillow, \$35. Grainsack indoor/outdoor lumbar pillow, \$50; both from potterybarn.com.
- Sconset jute side table, \$598; serenaandlily.com.
- ➤ Hampton's outdoor rug, from \$198; serenaandlily.com.
- Slat metal outdoor chairs by Blu Dot, \$149; target.com.

#### DON'T HOLD BACK

For the nursery (left), Stephanie envisioned simple white drapery against the lemon-print wallpaper. But Nathan pushed for pink ticking stripes-which proved to be just the extra hit of pattern the room needed. "It's one of those Nathan touches I wouldn't have considered myself," says Stephanie, shown here with her husband, Chris, and their daughter, Nora. Macramé wool rug, from \$298; La Jolla basket, from

\$78; serenaandlily. com. Covington pink woven ticking fabric, \$16/yard; online fabricstore.net.

# BRING YOUR STYLE OUTSIDE

The patio (above), feels like a natural extension of the living room, thanks to the consistent use of blue and pink—as well as, once again, stripes. Teak coffee table, African textile pillow, vintage painted table, and bistro garden chairs; nathan turner.com.