

# Decorating with Color

Whether you live in **Milbank South Dakota**, where my wife was born, **North Dakota**, where I served in the military, or our good old **Central Valley California** color is showing up in nature in vibrant, cheerful ways. Its power is clear. While a poorly chosen color can create a cold, empty environment, in their best forms, specific shades have been shown to energize, calm, or even stimulate optimism. Just look at the clothes we all put on our little ones and the way we decorate their rooms. I know when Annie and I go to pick out Aidan's clothes we have a verity of greens, yellows, teals and pinks to choose from. 😊

In this issue, we focus on the power of color. We tour six different homes that embody a bold take on color, from a home dressed almost entirely in shades of blue to a design that shows how a palette of neutral hues can unify two disparate spaces. Our destination department this month takes us to Santa Fe and Taos, a culturally rich part of Northern New Mexico that boasts a historic spa tradition and a flourishing arts community. Our cooking section offers mouthwatering recipes for summer dishes that incorporate seasonal ingredients as equally suited for family dinners as backyard entertaining. And to enhance your time spent outside, we're focusing on creating a garden that comes alive when the sun goes down in our gardening department.

As always, thank you for your business, support, and friendship. If you are ever in need of professional assistance and advice regarding your home and the current real estate market, please do not hesitate to call. You can be assured that your needs will be met with the utmost integrity and professionalism.

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