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Bold and Daring Designs at the 2018 Kips Bay Decorator Show House

A rainbow ceiling, faux-turf chairs and a giant light necklace are among the eye-catching details in the NYC showcase



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At this year's Kips Bay Decorator Show House, 1980s glam takes the stage in many forms, including a grand staircase in a kaleidoscope of Technicolor hues that run throughout the 15,000-square-foot townhouse in the Lenox Hill neighborhood of Manhattan. The annual fundraiser, benefiting the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, features the work of 22 celebrated interior designers and landscape architects, who have transformed the luxury seven-level home into an exhibition of fine furnishings, art and technology.

The spaces are meant to spark inspiration, and each started as a blank canvas that let interior designers create and reimagine it without design limitations. The decorated rooms are not intended to create a unified interior but instead to independently showcase each designer's style. Get inspired to play with patterns, fabrics and art, courtesy of these spaces.

2018 Kips Bay Decorator Show House

When: Tuesday, May 1, through Thursday, May 31

Where: 110 E. 76th St., Manhattan

Info: Check the website for hours and ticket information



Drawing Room (this photo and next two)

Designer: Phillip Mitchell Design

Phillip Mitchell's drawing room is inspired by his family and collected art. "I grew up split between a traditional family home in the Canadian countryside and the urban contemporary sprawl of Los Angeles," he says. "In either reality, I was surrounded by luxurious details — antiques, custom upholstery, window coverings and cushions in fabrics that were rare or hand-woven artistry."

He adds, "My mother made each space about comfort first, [with] personal touches — classic pieces mixed with some whimsy. Her character and how she loved to live clearly showed through our homes." The room features a collection of blue-and-white china that his mother left him when she passed. Today he still collects similar pieces in her honor.

Sofa fabric: Lee Jofa

Mitchell also loves to support living artists, and many of the pieces in the room are from his own collection. The curated display is an example of how to thoughtfully layer art. "Art selection and placement are integral to my process as well as the story the room tells about the people it serves, which is why we have included many collections," he says. "People love certain things and get attached to them from when we're children right up to adults. We start collecting things for passion and souvenirs, and as I do this myself, I wanted to fill the room with these things of beauty which personalize the space and inspire a sensation of intimacy."



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Rattan chairs: Malawi occasional chair, Palecek



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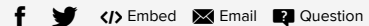
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