



ANT MODERNISM

Imagine *Alice in Wonderland* set in 21st-century Los Angeles, and you have life at the Triganos'. Their home is a minimalist alchemy of eye-popping yet soothing colors and quirky decoration—and the effect is general merriment.

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When Camilla Triganos, who runs the Beverly Hills outpost of Taschen books, and her husband, Benjamin, owner of the hip M + B gallery in West Hollywood, moved with their two young children to L.A.'s Mar Vista neighborhood, they were desperately seeking a cool but unpretentious home where they and their friends could hang out barefoot. "We wanted a beach-house feel with a Tom Ford kind of elegance," says Benjamin, a native of Paris, whose family founded Club Med in the 1960s.

As luck would have it, one of their friends happens to be architect-designer Philippe Starck, who masterminded their fantasy house, using his own, in Cap Ferret, France, as the inspiration. Starck created the bon Geopling just one wall from the original 1940s house) and custom-mixed paints in Pastime graphic-design hues, beginning with the acid-green entryway that immediately lets you know you've gone down the rabbit hole.

While Starck left the Triganos to do the decorating, his lamps for Flos and furniture for Kartell feature prominently alongside important modern pieces and lots and lots of IKEA. It's those paints, though, that leave the greatest mark. "I've always lived in houses with white walls," says Camilla, a Brit who spent her formative years in southwestern France and Paris. "But as soon as I saw all this color, it was magic."

Wall paint (similar to Starck's) from Flos and Kartell. (Similar to Starck's) acrylic high-gloss enamel in baby white, Benjamin Moore's color for stars.

Chair (Starck's "Luna Chair") \$250 Kartell (800) 854-8822 for stars.

Report page: Wall paint (similar to Starck's) Regal matte in Charming White, Benjamin Moore's color for stars.

sunshine state

"Different wall colors set the mood of each room," Benjamin explains. The soft gray of the kitchen is overtaken by the butter-yellow living area that overlooks it, like the sun bursting through haze. The yellow is bright but doesn't overwhelm or feel silly, thanks to crisp white floors and ceilings and the band of white along the lower quarter of the walls—a decorative flourish Starck used to unify the rooms. Furniture in warm oranges and browns and wood lend a down-to-earthiness to the wide-open space, while the peek of pink in the stairway intrigues.



Light: Wood and fabric.
"Aster" from \$4,706.
Nathan.com for more.
Chair: Amy Jacobson.
Yogi from \$4,900.
Houzz.com for more.
Stools: Series with 16", 18"
and 12" diam. from
Lodges-Carpenter. Price:
\$1,528. jlighting.com
Armchair: Eero Saarinen.
Wormley Curly at on
cane. "Sage" from \$1,000.
Lighting for other rooms
by artist.

Decor: Table and
chair \$150, coffee table \$150.
Nathan.com for more.
Paint: 2000-year-old
wall paint from \$1,000.
Nathan.com for more.
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casual dining

Two or three times a week, the Triganos throw a dinner party for at least 10 people—and sometimes 40. On Sundays they often host brunches or barbecues. In keeping with the family's laissez-faire vibe, there's no formal dining room. Guests float from the living room to the adjoining patio, sitting anywhere they like, even the floor. And forget fancy table settings: The outdoor table is covered by a festive plastic fabric bought at a droguerie in France ("I bring back rolls of the stuff," Camilla says). A heater by the table lets the Triganos eat al fresco year-round. For smaller gatherings, the ensemble usually crowds around the kitchen table, above, also dressed in fun-loving plastic. "Next house, I'm gutting the sofa in the kitchen!" Camilla says.



happy bath

It's impossible not to feel uplifted in this sunny and spare bathroom, painted a shinier version of the living room's yellow (high-gloss paint is easier to clean). The Duravit sink and custom marble bath enclosure speak to the minimal aesthetic the couple favors, while the Venetian mirror hits a glam note. Not fans of overhead lighting, the Triganos use these sweet Starck for Flou hanging lamps throughout the house, all of them set on dimmers. The couple also hate wires, so music is piped in here and elsewhere through built-in speakers.

Stark Starck 18" chise washbasin \$105; Duravit for stone fixed shower (similar to above) CFA wall-mounted "techo" \$139; futurism.com
Prodotto Design Starck "Bouss Balle" 11" \$180 each; lightings.com
Wall paint (similar to above) Impassio in Butter; benjaminmoore.com for stores

All the bedrooms in the house, and the stairwell leading to the master suite, are painted a calming pink.



slumber party

Formerly two tiny rooms, the kids' bedroom is the result of a merger. "We like the kids to share," Camille says. Starck suggested pink for the walls because it's considered the most soothing color. The Danish rug brings rich texture to the understated room, which has little in the way of furniture: In addition to the twin beds, each child has a desk/play station (complete with G4) and a spacious closet created with IKEA shelving fronted by white cotton curtains—no better conceal potential mess. Beyond the doors lies the deck, where Chloe and Adrian have set up their second homes—aka tents.



Bed (similar to above) "Hemnes" \$199; Ikea.com
Play (similar to above) Wood 6" x 9" \$199; ABC Carpet & Home (212) 475-9000
Wall paint (similar to above) Regal matts in Charming Pink; benjaminmoore.com for stores
Desk (similar to above) Polyester playhouses from \$60 each; poltergeistandco.com
Armchairs (at top of above) Bora Teknisk "Lu Chival" (used); mitchell.com for other works by artist

Bed (similar to above)
 "Bau" \$899 piston.com
 Quilt (similar to above)
 Cotton "Bouquet" \$105
 Sheets (similar to above)
 "Crescent" embroidered
 parakeet shirt \$40 each,
 pajamas \$35 each, and tie
 shirt \$50 at garretts.com
 Lamp (Stark "Machismo
 Suit" \$35.00 each, ylighting.com)
 (Similar to right) By
 Herman Miller, e-mail
sandiego@hermanmiller.com
 for other works by artist
 Wall paper (similar to above)
 Regal made in Charming Pink,
temperatures.com for details



spalike suite

"In summer, we spend our days up here," Camille says of the 600-square-foot suite that serves as master bedroom and all-around family retreat. "We love to do nothing!" Benjamin chimes in. The furnishings are sporty and the pink walls largely bare—which encourages an instant melting away of mental clutter. Slat blinds on the 16 windows take advantage of the copious light. "In the morning, it's like God is coming into the room!" Benjamin exclaims playfully. Behind the all-white bed is a hallway, along which lies a deconstructed bathroom (there are separate "rooms" for the toilet and the marble shower). The pièce de résistance is this open vanity: table-cum-sink, where everything from towels to beauty products is at the ready for pampering.

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