

11 ORANGE FEEL

There's no limit to how often and how much to use your ideal color once you've finally found it. So, when San Francisco designer Lauren Ranes and her client stumbled upon the dreamiest shade of citrus they'd ever seen, they didn't hesitate to introduce it again and again into the family homestead. "The color, Benjamin Moore's Ravishing Red, is tomato, persimmon and watermelon all rolled into one," explains Ranes. "It's a dignified and cheerful shade." The result is a cohesive color scheme that relies on pattern and print throughout to make it appropriate for each space. Here, in the breakfast room, for example, a charming Schumacher wallpaper behind the shelves and blue-and-white ginger jars lend the dining space off the kitchen the touch of formality it required. laurenranes.com



12 BRIGHT LIGHT

Formal doesn't have to be fussy when it comes to stunning candelabras that are just as handsome during daytime hours as they are when they are all lit up—at least that's the story Dunes and Duchess is telling with the brand's coveted four-arm version, available in a variety of colorful finishes. dunesandduchess.com



13 MODERN CLASSIC

One of color's most prized properties is being able to bring a fresh, modern perspective to traditional spaces, like it does in this sweet foyer in North Carolina with inspiring architectural detail. Using a palette of soft green and subdued coral, designer Barrie Benson transformed the home's 1950s bones into a graceful, feminine dream. "I wanted to give a nod to the old without making it feel like one's grandmother lives here," says Benson with a laugh. "The palette definitely sets the tone for that. It gives visitors the hint that not everything inside is as conservative as you'd expect from a more formal Southern home." barriebenson.com