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# Global Warming

How's this for armchair travel? Designer Bridgid Coulter shows you how to get that popular (and personal) world-traveler look, starting with your sofa.

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## CARVED WOOD

An accent table is an easy way to work in this room-warming finish. Tribal table, \$150; [worldmarket.com](http://worldmarket.com)

## SPICY COLOR

A colorful pouf adds seating and a little exoticism. Casablanca pouf, \$151.95; [jossandmain.com](http://jossandmain.com)

## Get this look!

This window seat is global modern in a nutshell: inviting, soulful, layered with pattern. How do you master the mix while avoiding visual chaos? Bridgid says to keep the palette tight, employ plenty of neutrals, and embrace a little symmetry. Try her tips for taking your sofa on a world tour.



### WINDOWS ON THE WORLD

We love the spicy mix of patterns in this LA living room Bridgid designed.

### COMMON THREADS

All the pillows Bridgid chose share organic-looking patterns (no hard edges) and the same deep orange color.

### TWINSIES

Nestle two of the same pillows together to anchor the back row.

### SHAPE SHIFTER

Add a lumbar (aka kidney) pillow. It's an exclamation point among all the squares.

### CONTROLLED COLOR

To zing up the orange palette, Bridgid threw in small hits of its color-wheel neighbors: yellow and brick red.



### COVER UP

Bridgid's fave trick for spicing up a neutral sofa: Wrap the seat in fabric. (Multiple cushions? Wrap each individually.)

### BOOKENDS

Alternate patterns and solids in a (more or less) symmetrical arrangement. Land the boldest pattern at the ends of the sofa.

### PET THE PILLOWS

Mix materials like linen, pleated cotton, and embroidery for a sofa scape that engages the senses.

1. Casa de Flores Pillow, \$65; [luluandgeorgia.com](http://luluandgeorgia.com)
2. Larissa Pillow in Paprika, \$125; [companyc.com](http://companyc.com)
3. Samara Pillow, \$79.95; [zgallerie.com](http://zgallerie.com)
4. Vermillion Pleated Pillow, \$99; [ethanallen.com](http://ethanallen.com)
5. Circle Burst Pillow in Candy Apple, \$105; [luluandgeorgia.com](http://luluandgeorgia.com)
6. Yetta Ikat Pillow, \$63.95; [wayfair.com](http://wayfair.com)
7. Jiti Fence Decorative Pillow, \$59.99; [overstock.com](http://overstock.com)
8. 8064 Dupione Outdoor Sunbrella in Nectarine, \$39.99 per yard; [www.calicocorners.com](http://www.calicocorners.com)



Signature Style  
**Bridgid Coulter**  
 keeps it real

Despite an LA address and a Hollywood hubby, she's every bit as down-to-earth as her designs.

**FAVORITE TRAVEL MEMORY** "My daughters, my husband (actor Don Cheadle), and I went on a once-in-a-lifetime safari in Kenya. Words cannot describe—the whole experience was magical."

**BEST DECORATING ADVICE** "Try a bunch of things until it feels right. Go with your heart. At the bottom of it all is having a passion for the space you live in."

**CURRENT PROJECT** "My line of eco-minded pillows. I designed the fabrics, and they're all locally printed on natural linen using water-base dyes."

**BEST OUTDOOR ESCAPE** "I love to walk, whether it's hiking in the mountains or strolling on the beach. The sound of the ocean crashing is such a pleasure. It forces you to unplug."

**BEST INDOOR ESCAPE** "I love any reason to dance. My current playlist is a mix of classical Spanish guitar, Damien Rice, Bruno Mars, Christina Aguilera, and Beyoncé."

**MY (FOODIE) HERO** "My beloved grandmother in Marksville, Louisiana. She taught me how to make her signature gumbo, and I whip up a pot now and then."

**FAVORITE DON MOVIE** "Of course *Hotel Rwanda* touched my heart, but there is also a little gem called *Talk to Me*. The chemistry of the creative team shines through." ■



**GO FISH**  
 Bridgid loves this Japanese fish basket for its woven texture and its quirk factor.

**A few of Bridgid's favorite things**  
**SIGNATURE FRAGRANCE** *Mémoire Liquide #203 Moire Vanille*, \$95; [memoireliquideperfume.com](http://memoireliquideperfume.com) for stores **CAN'T-MISS GIFT** Moroccan votive holders in gorgeous colors. Similar to shown, \$15 to \$20; [berbereworldimports.com](http://berbereworldimports.com) **INSTANT OUTFIT AMP-UP** Platform sandals and a printed scarf. "The perfect blend of subtle and chic," Bridgid says. **GO-TO NAIL COLOR** "It's extravagant, but I've made my bottle last two years." *Le Vernis Nail Colour 569 Emprise*, \$27; [chanel.com](http://chanel.com)

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