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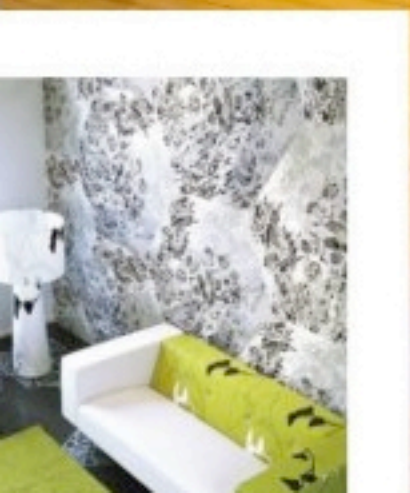
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At the age of 25, Chicago designer Summer Thornton is esteemed by clients for her bold restraint, and the way she wields drop-dead wallpapers and fabrics, graphic patterns and opulent decorative objects. "I use color and pattern as a starting point and mix them up. But then I add a few well-chosen antiques as accents, say a frothy chandelier or anything silver... especially elegant old champagne buckets. They make such elegant planters or vases," she says.


own 700-square-foot Lincoln Park apartment she shares with husband Josh Thornton, she proves she also knows how to make a little go a long way when necessary. Despite its plush panache, complete with lavishly printed wallpapers in each room, Thornton admits she did things economically, making many of the cushions and all the window treatments herself. "We put up the wallpaper together. And even though it was really expensive stuff, we only used one roll in the living room and five in the bedroom," she reveals. "We were lucky. The apartment was a blank shell when we bought it, so we were able to detail it as we liked." ■ —Lisa Skolnik

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A small, square wooden table with a white and grey geometric patterned tablecloth. On the table is a small white vase with pink and purple flowers, and a small white box. The table is set on a light-colored wooden floor. In the background, there is a dark wooden bookshelf filled with books and a white chair.

6. Wallpaper in doses turn pedestrian walls posh. This metallic floral print is from Osborne & Little. 5. Thornton made these drapes from bedspreads she picked up at Urban Outfitters along with a Victorian console, once an acid orange display table she painted white. 7. Flea market antlers bring an organic feel to the vibrant use of color and pattern, while stacks of books and accessories add interest.

8. A glossy black, built-in shelving system maximizes storage, has a minimal footprint and masks a soffit that edges the ceiling. 9. Dramatic living room chandelier from Macy's Flea Market. 10. Traditional, neutral wing chair dressed up with Kelly Wearstler fabric pillow.

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