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Transforming a forlorn midcentury dwelling near Santa Barbara, California, into a supersleek haven, designer Abigail Turin conjures the beach house of her family's dreams



Abigail Turin (top right) of the design studio Kallos Turin oversaw the dramatic renovation of her family's oceanfront retreat in Carpinteria, California. The landscape was devised with the help of the architecture firm Marmol Radziner; the lounge chairs and poufs are by Paola Lenti. For details see Sources.



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2005 San Francisco designer Abigail Turin and her husband, Jon Gans, ventured at low tide to a swath of California beach that's hard for anyone other than residents along the shore to access. Turin and Gans, an investment manager, had fallen in love with this part of Carpinteria—just south of the city of Santa Barbara—during an earlier vacation. Their realtor, however, insisted they'd never find a house on the secluded beach, given how rarely people part with properties there.

But Turin was not easily deterred. After all, this is a woman who, at the age of 27, left a promising career in the London office of architect David Chipperfield to return to her native California and establish her own design studio, which has since grown into the celebrated firm Kallos Turin. "What about that one?" she recalls asking her husband, pointing to a run-down midcentury-modernist dwelling on an unkempt lot. "I could see that underneath a healthy layer of dirt it was one of those swank 1960s beach homes that had at one time hosted glamorous cocktail parties."

Her instincts proved right. According to the property's caretaker, whom they subsequently contacted, Ronald Reagan, among other notables, had once been a guest, but the residence had suffered over the years. Though it wasn't on the market, the couple arranged to rent the seven-bedroom house for the



summer. "It was almost uninhabitable," remembers Turin. By the end of the season, knowing they had indeed found a diamond in the rough, they persuaded the owner to sell.

"The beach is everything," says Turin, an avid paddleboarder. This patch of the Pacific is far enough from Santa Barbara to give it a sense of privileged isolation. And while the likes of Kevin Costner and George Lucas have houses here, Carpinteria is also a laid-back home for an agricultural community and military personnel from nearby bases.

The couple and their eight-year-old daughter spend most of the year in San Francisco, in a Pacific Heights house that Turin carefully restored to emphasize its 1920s heritage. The Carpinteria retreat, with its clean lines and beach setting, presented a chance to try something new. "I didn't want the

place to feel precious," Turin says, wandering barefoot over its new white-oak floors, which double as a superhighway for children careening around on various wheeled contraptions. "This home was designed for sand, sea, and scooters."

The big task was to make the most of the location. With that in mind, the designer replaced several walls with windows and glass doors, opening rooms to the central courtyard and expansive views of the waterfront, where seals loll on the sand and dolphins leap across the surf—sometimes accompanying Turin's family on their forays into the sea. In the distance, the Channel Islands loom on the horizon like immense ghost ships.

As befits a vacation home, the decor is defined by playfulness. The white surfaces provide a crisp, modernist backdrop for moments of Technicolor exuberance—such as the abstract



Clockwise from above: B&B Italia sofas are grouped with Cappellini tables in the living room; the floor lamp is by Flos, the throw is by Hermès, and the walls are painted in Benjamin Moore's Chantilly Lace. Eames chairs by Herman Miller surround the dining room's B&B Italia table; the multicolor vessels are by Hella Jongerius, and the skateboard decks are by John Baldessari for Supreme. Works on paper by Peter Coffin and children's Verner Panton chairs by Vitra add dashes of color to the kitchen; the range is by Viking, and the Tulip chairs and side table are Eero Saarinen designs for Knoll.

The poolside terrace features a circular ottoman by Konstantin Grcic for Moroso, a mesh chaise longue and armchairs by Richard Schultz from Knöll, and a market umbrella by Santa Barbara Designs.



Peter Coffin works on paper and funky Verner Panton children's chairs in the kitchen and the blue mosaic tile that lines the floor of one bathroom. "The structure's '60s vibe gives you great license to have fun with it," says Turin. A human-size fiberglass rabbit by artist Ama Torrance greets visitors in the broad front hall, a striped Gaetano Pesce chair and ottoman animate the living room, and a trio of skateboard decks by artist John Baldessari preside over the dining room.

With the help of the Los Angeles architecture and design firm Marmol Radziner, Turin brought the same spiritedness to the landscaped grounds. In addition to integrating generous sweeps of lavender and ferns, they planted a vegetable-and-herb garden, which yields the fresh jalapeño peppers that are a major ingredient chez Turin-Gans. Lush mounds of zoysia grass now cushion the oceanfront lawn ("somersault territory," as Turin calls it). The adjacent fire pit, outfitted with Paola Lenti furniture, provides a dramatic setting for evening cocktails—or s'mores.

On a recent weekend, the home was a hub of frenetic activity balanced by languorous lounging. Gans and some guests cooked up a gourmet Mexican lunch, while others returned from kayaking and surfing expeditions, splashed in the pool, or sprawled out on the living room's B&B Italia sofas, listening to the sounds of crashing waves. And almost all these pursuits remained inter-actively in view of one another, thanks to the central courtyard.

"I ended up incorporating similar spaces into a series of homes in Uruguay," Turin says, referring to the Villalagos Residences, a project in Punta del Este that won the Royal Institute of British Architects' International Award in 2010. "This house has actually influenced our work."

It came as a delightful surprise to Turin that a once-shabby beach getaway in Southern California would help shape her designs in far-off countries. But this stretch of sand is obviously a place uniquely graced for inspiration—and what could be better in a vacation home? □

In the master suite, a lounge chair and matching ottoman by B&B Italia mingle with a side table and pouf by Moroso; the bed linens are by Restoration Hardware, and the mobile is by Mattia Biagi. *Below, from left:* Turin designed the Corian vanity in the master bath; the mat and towels are by Missoni, the sink fittings are by Vola, and the tub is by Wetstyle. Bisazza mosaic tile enlivens a guest bath.



SOURCES

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ART SCENE: RICHARD MISRACH

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Richard Misrach is represented by Pace/MacGill Gallery in New York; pacemacgill.com; Fraenkel Gallery in San Francisco; fraenkelgallery.com; and Marc Selwyn Fine Art in Los Angeles; marcselwynfineart.com.

HISTORIC PROPORTIONS

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Interior design by Anouska Hempel Design; anouskahempeldesign.com.
Sitting room: Blake lantern by Anouska Hempel for Charles Edwards; charlesedwards.com.
Master bedroom: Curtains and bed canopy of customized Jimmy Stripo III silk by J. Robert Scott (T); jrobertscott.com.
Oriental Room bath: On tiles, decorative painting by Kaffe Fassett; kaffe Fassett.com.

A GIMLET EYE

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Interior design by Waldo's Designs; waldosdesigns.com.
Living room: Piano by Yamaha; yamaha.com.
Kitchen: B3 cabinetry by Bulthaup; bulthaup.com. Cooktop by Gaggenau; gaggenau.com. Ovens by Miele; mieleusa.com. Refrigerator by Sub-Zero; subzero-wolf.com. On bar stools, Diablo leather by Moore & Giles Inc. (T); mooreandgiles.com.
Dining room: On chairs, Silk & Sexy mohair by Great Plains (T); hollyhunt.com.
Master bedroom: Italian Hotel Satin Stitch White bed linens by Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com. Curtains of Cashmere fabric by Rogers & Goffigon (T); 212-888-3242.
Bedroom: Rocobar blanket by Hermès; hermes.com.
Master bath: Tea-for-Two tub by Kohler; kohler.com.

SOCIAL ENGINEERING

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Interior design by Drake Design Assoc.; drakedesignassociates.com. Beds custom made by Charles H. Beckley Inc. (T); chbeckley.com.
Private garage: Oval Cumulus light fixture by Ted Abramczyk for Ralph Pucci International (T); ralphpucci.net.
Living room: On lounge chair, Ritz mohair by Christopher Hyland Inc. (T); christopherhyland.net. On sofa, Not Square silk blend by Jamie Drake for F. Schumacher & Co. (T); fschumacher.com. Madame X ottoman from the Bright Group; thebrightgroup.com. On ottoman and club chairs, Disco velvet by Rubelli (T); donghia.com. Curtains of Gabardine Della Lana lamb's-wool satin by Clarence House (T); clarencehouse.com. On walls, Sidewalk Gray paint by Benjamin

Moore; benjaminmoore.com; with Venetian-plaster finish by the Alpha Workshops (T); alphaworkshops.org. Haldis I rug by Edward Fields (T); edwardfields.com.
Living room sitting area: On sofa, Milton viscose blend by Sahco (T); donghia.com. Eden Roc floor lamps by the Alpha Workshops (T); alphaworkshops.org.
Andromeda ceiling fixture by Artemide; artemide.us. On low chair, Turner silk pile by Sabina Fay Braxton (T); sabinafaybraxton.com.
Kitchen: Maria counter stools from the Bright Group; thebrightgroup.com; in Athene leather by Cortina Leathers Inc. (T); cortinaleathers.com.

Master bedroom: On walls, Soot paint by Benjamin Moore; benjaminmoore.com. Lamps by Cedric Hartman (T); cedrichartman.com. Garda bed linens by E. Braun & Co.; ebraunandco.com. Terra I carpet by Edward Fields (T); edwardfields.com.
Guest room: Manila Hemp wall covering by Phillip Jeffries Ltd. (T); phillipjefries.com. Coverlet of Medlo silk-linen and throw pillows of Semiramis silk by Sahco (T); donghia.com. Pillows of Surlin silk by Jim Thompson (T); jimthompsonfabrics.com.
Master bath: On walls, Perky Peach paint by Benjamin Moore; benjaminmoore.com; with Venetian-plaster finish by the Alpha Workshops (T); alphaworkshops.org. Minimal fittings by Boffi; boffi.com. Towels by Ralph Lauren Home; ralphlaurenhome.com.

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Interior design and architecture by Kallos Turin; kallosturin.com. Landscape design consultation by Marmol Radziner; marmol-radziner.com.
Living room: Andy sofas by B&B Italia; bebitalia.it. Gong tables by Cappellini; cappellini.it. Spun Light F floor lamp by Flos; flosusa.com. Throw by Hermès; hermes.com. On walls, Chantilly Lace paint by Benjamin Moore; benjaminmoore.com.
Kitchen: Verner Pantone Junior chairs by Vitra; vitra.com. Range by Viking; vikingrange.com. Eero Saarinen Tulip chairs and side table by Knoll; knoll.com.
Dining room: Eames Aluminum Group chairs by Herman Miller; hermanmiller.com. Atoth table by B&B Italia; bebitalia.it.
Master suite: Charles bed and Metro-politan lounge chair and ottoman all by B&B Italia; bebitalia.it. Fjord pouf and Oslo side table by Moroso; moroso.it. Vintage-Washed Jersey bed linens by Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com.
Master bath: Vanity of Corian by DuPont; dupont.com. Noriko mat and Jazz towels by Missoni Home; missionihome.com. 111 sink fittings by Vola; vola.com. Cube tub by Wetstyle; wetstyle.ca.
Guest bath: Tosca mosaic floor tile by Bisazza; bisazza.com.
Terrace: Frame lounge chairs and Play poufs by Paola Lenti; paolalenti.it. Poolside terrace: Osorom stool by Moroso; moroso.it. 1966 Collection seating by Richard Schultz; knoll.com. Paseo umbrella by Santa Barbara Designs; sbumbrella.com.

MIX MASTER

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Interior design by David Jimenez; djimenez.com.
Doorway: Curtains of Textured Belgian linen by Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com; with Greek Key Jacquard trim from M&J Trimming; mjtrim.com.
Living room: Gilded Wood Open-Work screen by Arteriors; arteriorshome.com. Gold Suzani pillows by Jayson Home; jaysonhome.com.
Library: Presidio daybed by Williams-Sonoma Home; williams-sonoma.com. Rowan Pharmacy Task floor lamp by Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com. On walls, Chocolate paint by Restoration Hardware. English Chesterfield sofa by Ralph Lauren Home; ralphlaurenhome.com.
Kitchen: Custom cabinetry and Bistro hardware by Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com. Arched Top lantern by Williams-Sonoma Home; williams-sonoma.com. Mint sink fittings by Grohe; grohe.com.
Dining room: French Urn Pedestal dining table by Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com.
Music closet: Japanese Paper Weave wall covering by Phillip Jeffries Ltd. (T); phillipjefries.com.

Dressing room: Greek Key rug by Jonathan Adler; jonathanadler.com.
Master bedroom: Blown Glass chandelier by Williams-Sonoma Home; williams-sonoma.com. Blanket of Ballines herringbone wool by Ralph Lauren Home; ralphlaurenhome.com. Curtains of Vintage Velvet cotton by Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com.
Master bath: Dillon shower fittings, Square Wall-Mount Rain showerhead, and Turkish towels by Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com.

PERFECTLY PRECISE

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Interior, architectural, and terrace design by Len Morgan; covelending.1stdibs.com.
Living room: Vintage demilune consoles from Niall Smith Antiques; 212-750-3985. Pillows of Onde cotton by Fortuny (T); fortuny.com. George III sofa and antique parquet floor from Axel Vervoordt; axel-vervoordt.com. Antique armchairs from Cove Landing; covelending.1stdibs.com. Regency mantel from Chesney's; chesneys.com.
Kitchen: No. 8180 hardware by the Nanz Co.; nanz.com. Bussy range by Laccanche; laccanche.com. Narwhal tusk from Cove Landing; covelending.1stdibs.com.
Bedroom: Unito blanket by Loro Piana (T); loropiana.com.
Bath: Opus showerhead by Waterworks; waterworks.com.
Terrace: Artisan Rolled Rim planters by Selbert & Rice; selbert-rice.com. Slena table by Holly Hunt (T); hollyhunt.com. Classic director's chairs by Skagerak Denmark Ltd.; skagerak.com. On chairs, Toppall acrylic by Ralph Lauren Home; ralphlaurenhome.com.

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Interior design by Michael Formica Inc.; michaelformica.com. Strong White paint throughout by Farrow & Ball; farrow-ball.com.
Living room: Wool rug designed by Michael Formica and custom made by V'Soske (T); vsoske.com. Office: EB 27 table lamp by Tecnolumen; tecnolumen.com. Ikat carpet by Calvin Klein Home; calvinklein.com.
Kitchen: Refrigerator by Sub-Zero; subzero-wolf.com. Sistema Zeta cabinetry by Snaidero USA; snaidero-usa.com. Dining area: Icon chairs by Philippe Starck for Emeco; emeco.net.
Master bedroom: Upholstered bed custom made by Charles H. Beckley Inc. (T); chbeckley.com. Wooden end tables by Mrs. MacDougall (T); donghia.com. Guest room: Rag chairs by Tejo Remy for Droog; droog.com. San Miguel blanket by Pendleton Woolen Mills; pendleton-usa.com.
Master bath: New Haven sink fittings by Jado; jadousa.com.
Terrace: 1966 Collection lounge chairs and cocktail table by Richard Schultz; knoll.com.

COLONIAL REVIVAL

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Interior design, landscape design, and select furnishings throughout by Fisher Weisman; fisherweisman.com.
Living room: Curtains of Crestwood polyester blend by Duralee (T); duralee.com; with 31339 rayon-blend trim by Kravet (T); kravet.com. On daybed, Pasha linen velvet by Gretchen Bellinger Inc. (T); gretchenbellinger.com.
Outdoor living room: Arcadia sofa by Fisher Weisman for Michael Taylor Designs (T); michaeltaylor designs.com; in Pavilion Indoor/Outdoor Vol. IV acrylic by Duralee (T); duralee.com.
Breakfast room: On chairs, Bird in Circle linen by Rose Cumming (T); dessaforinnir.com.
Kitchen: Range by Viking; vikingrange.com. Dining room: Cypress table and Irish Hall chairs by Fisher Weisman for Michael Taylor Designs (T); michaeltaylor designs.com. Dining terrace: Bay Klismos chairs by Michael Taylor Designs (T); michaeltaylor designs.com; in Walnut Brown Tweed acrylic by Sunbrella; sunbrella.com.
Master bedroom: Shading bed linens by Frette; frette.com.
Guest room: Curtains of Lisena cotton by Kravet (T); kravet.com.
Master bath: Embrayage pendant lights by Jonathan Browning Studios (T); jonathanbrowninginc.com.
Roof terrace: Gibbings Teak sofa and chair by Michael Taylor Designs (T); michaeltaylor designs.com; in Walnut Brown Tweed acrylic by Sunbrella; sunbrella.com. □

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