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## SOUTHERN SOPHISTICATES

A hint of Memphis charm and a dash of cultured design infuse Ami Austin Interior Design's creations.

For Ami Austin, owner and principal designer of Ami Austin Interior Design, crafting a perfectly collected home is about more than displaying every piece a person owns; it's about a thoughtful balance between cherished finds and timeless furnishings.

"Working with a designer allows a curation of an existing collection to truly reflect who the client is," she notes. "But, if I do have one guilty pleasure, it's the surprise of a glamorous feature that says, 'Now, this is fabulous.'" Austin and her team of vetted designers have been crafting residential and commercial spaces across the country that speak to clients' dreams. Their approach has earned them numerous awards, including 11 Designer of the Year recognitions by the Interior Design Society. Austin's customizable furniture line, Parker Lauren, has also garnered the praise of colleagues and design novices alike.

A recent project illustrates Austin's penchant for balancing collections, as she pulled from the clients' internationally gathered art collection to reimagine the interior of their architecturally stunning home. In the powder room, slate-like wallpaper effuses opulence, and the entire home exudes a timelessness all its own. The living room carries this tone, with contemporary art resting beside traditional architectural features, creating a sense of luxury and warmth. Incorporating the unexpected is what she is known for.

"In the end, if we've delivered what they've dreamed of, we've done our job," Austin explains.

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** A seamless balance of timeless fabrics and the homeowners' existing collection of contemporary art complements the room's exquisite architectural details. A powder room showcases charcoal stone-like wallpaper with curved gold accents. Designer Ami Austin.

