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Add a Fern— Or a Boulder

MICHAEL TAYLOR

It's NBD now, but in the 1970s, when Taylor was adding ceiling-scraping indoor trees in woven baskets to his interiors—along with granite boulders, ocean-bleached wood, and fossilized stone—it was a radical act with far-reaching impact. Partnering the organic elements with snow-white walls and oversize furniture in bleach-white fabric, Taylor created what became known as the “California look.” Fast-forward 40 years, and the nature-inspired style he originated is still the definition of West Coast casual.



Taylor's San Francisco office included a colossal bed made of rough-hewn logs.



From left: Oak Knob in Antique Brass, 2½" L; Aspen Knob in Antique Brass, 2" L; Silver Maple Knob in Polished Pewter, 1¾" L; \$16 each. By Michael Agüero. modernobjects.us. Blythe Dining Table. By Made Goods. White cerused-oak top, 54" D. \$6,300. mecox.com



BE KOOKY! BE MADCAP!

ROSE CUMMING

Cumming—an Aussie native and larger-than-life eccentric famed for her Park Avenue antiques rival and a theatricality to rival Norma Desmond—arrived in Manhattan in 1917 and blazed a trail of originality for the next five decades. Gaga for daring color combos like eggplant with parrot green, Cumming paved the way for today's eclecticism by blending everything from Gothic to chinoiserie to Venetian rococo into her idiosyncratic interiors.

From top: Hazy Palm Wallpaper. In Reef. Price upon request. poppyprintstudio.com. Modern Screen. In Cheetah. 72" H. \$249. theinside.com. Mounted Lacquered Ostrich Eggs: Royal Blue on Black. 16" H. \$275. Sunshine on Robin's Egg Blue. 5" H. \$450. creelandgow.com.



City Lights Pillow Cover. In Teal. 18" Sq. \$39. westelm.com. Serpiente Rug. In natural and black. Abaca. 3' x 15'. Available through a designer. pattersonflynnmartin.com

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