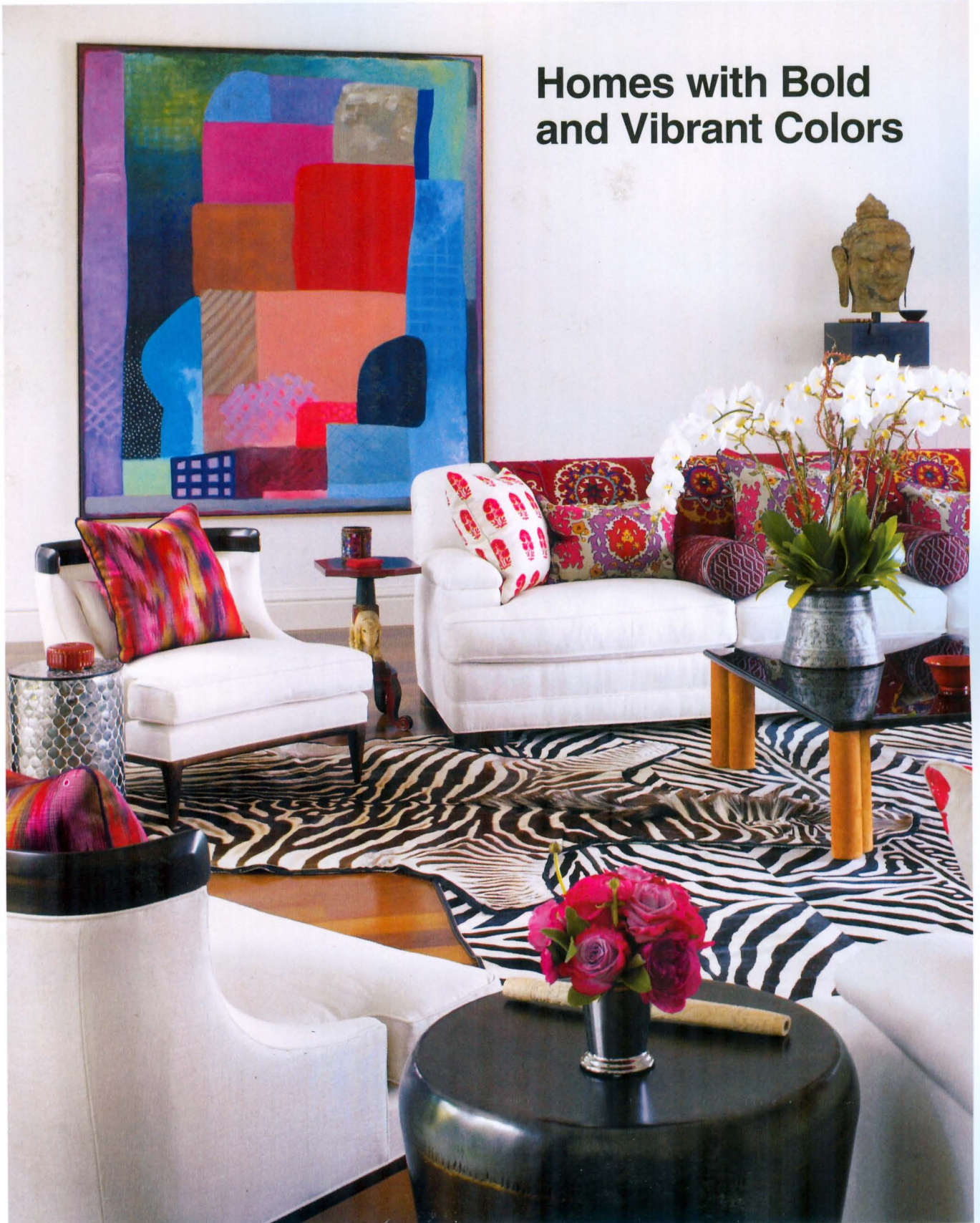


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FRENCH CHATEAU STYLE

With A Storybook Balance Between Earthy And Chic,
One Designer Infuses An Elegant Country Manor And Working
Stables With Incomparable Warmth And Welcome

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In the master bath, an extra large shower is styled with Nero Marquina marble walls, brass fixtures from Waterworks, and flooring in marble penny-rounds and square tiles set on the diagonal. Near the window, MTI's deep-soaking tub provides the perfect spot for relaxation.



Making an eloquent statement of elegance and simplicity in the entry, reclaimed tumbled-brick insets within the polished-concrete floor hint of age; the stairway features an understated iron railing and oak treads; and two Neoclassical-style transom windows are handsomely adorned in steel.

Crowned with a beamed 25-foot pitched ceiling, the dining room has fumed-oak flooring with a mottled-aged finish and a cast-stone fireplace mantel that features a vintage French silhouette. Croc-embossed-leather wingchairs with mohair and velvet seats host an alder-wood rustic farm table. "This room has a nice mix of textures," Frederick says. "The feeling is neat and sophisticated but approachable."

Brick patches in the wall and custom reclaimed-oak barn doors echo a bygone era in the living room, where Kravet's dark taupe linen draperies pull open to allow