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The Blues

Favorites, from pale azure to deep cobalt. **By Mary Ellen Polson**

1. BLUE FIRE

Add drama to a pendant, large wall sconce, or newel-post light with the Peacock blue flame shade in iridescent glass. Made by American artisans, the shade takes a 3¼" fitter. It measures 7" tall x 4½" wide; \$152.90. House of Antique Hardware, (888) 223-2545, houseofantiquehardware.com



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2. THE DESERT SKY

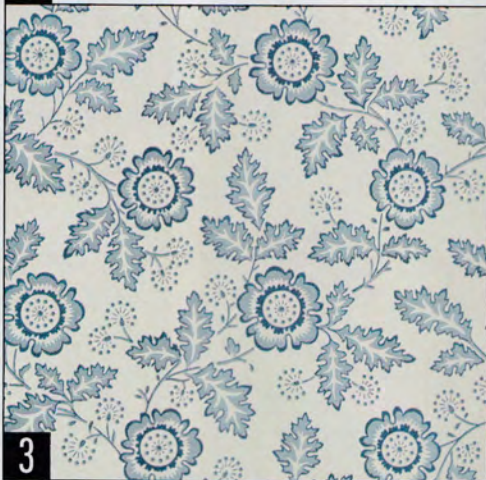
A capacious 36" wide, the 1958 French-door fridge from the new Palm Springs collection is shown in Cerulean. Gliding pantry drawer, factory-installed icemaker, and filtered-water dispenser: \$6,795. Elmira Stove Works, (800) 295-8498, elmirastoveworks.com

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3. CHINESE BLUE

Found in a Massachusetts sea-captain's home, Chantung is a Chinese *Quercus* (oak) leaf design adapted for the West by the English and French; this revival dates to the 1930s or earlier. About \$145 per roll. Thomas Strahan Wallpaper, (212) 644-5301, thomasstrahan.com



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4. POPS OF COLOR

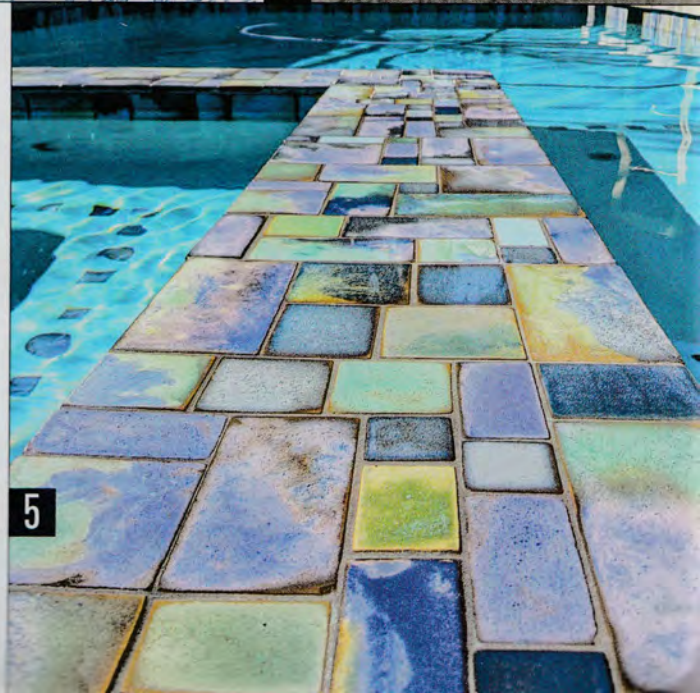
Accent a wall or a backsplash in stunning shades of blue with Blooming Bell, from a Jugendstil floral design; the bungalow-friendly Round Flowers; or the Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired Prairie Butterfly. Smallest is 4" x 4"; \$38 to \$140 each. Motawi, (734) 213-0017, motawi.com

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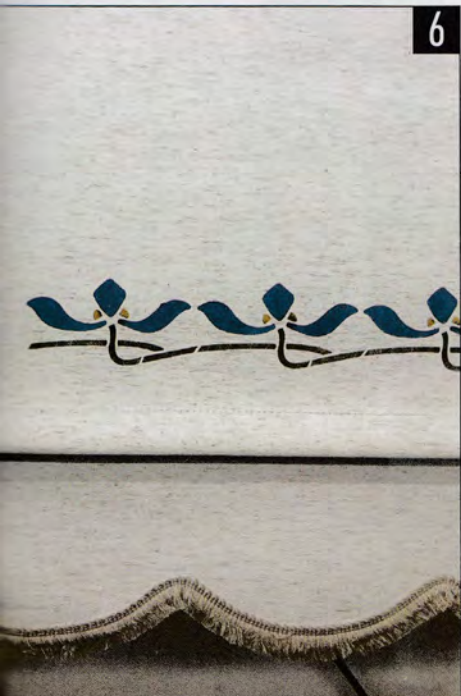


5. BLUE SHIMMER

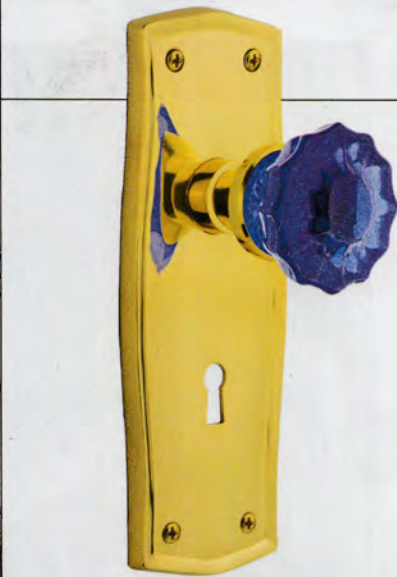
Pool tiles are glazed in a mix of shimmering blue, lavender, and soft green. Works of art, tiles are designed to order, then hand-cast, carved, and glazed by Cha-Rie Tang and Mei-Ling Tang. Pasadena Craftsman Tile, (626) 793-8387, pasadenacraftsmantile.com



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6. IRIS AND SCALLOP

In a linen/cotton fabric, this roller shade with scalloped edge and matching fringe features a stylized iris flower in blue with loden-green stems. Roller shades come in more than 20 earthy hues, in natural and homespun fabrics. Shades \$87 and up; shaped bottom edge \$40 and up; stencils \$25 to \$55. Melton Workroom, (213) 614-1757, meltonworkroom.com

7. BRILLIANT PASSAGE

Colored-glass and crystal doorknobs were popular in the early years of the 20th century. Mounted on a solid-brass base, the fluted Crystal knob in cobalt is paired with the Prairie escutcheon in polished brass. The plate is available with or without a keyhole. The set is \$230. Nostalgic Warehouse, (800) 522-7336, nostalgicwarehouse.com



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8. A BLESSED PATTERN

"Temple" by Anni Albers is a rug based on a 1956 design Albers made for hanging panels in a Jewish temple in Texas. Produced by Christopher Farr in association with the Albers Foundation, it's made of pure silk and measures 5½' x 3'; \$1,750. Artware, (212) 463-7490, artwareeditions.com

9. MIDNIGHT HUES

The Step vase and large Classic vase were designed by company co-founder Mary Chase Perry Stratton early in the 20th century. A recent addition is the small Teardrop vase. Shown in deep Midnight, all are available in other colors; \$85 to \$185. Pewabic Pottery, (313) 626-2000, pewabic.org



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10. HARDWORKING BEAUTY

The floral floorcloth from the Victorian-era Christopher Dresser collection can be adapted to fit almost any space. Each floorcloth is a hand-stenciled work of art, with multiple layers of finish and protected by many coats of low-gloss polyurethane. Cost is \$50 per sq. ft. Ariel Grace Design, (503) 206-2631, arielgracedesign.com