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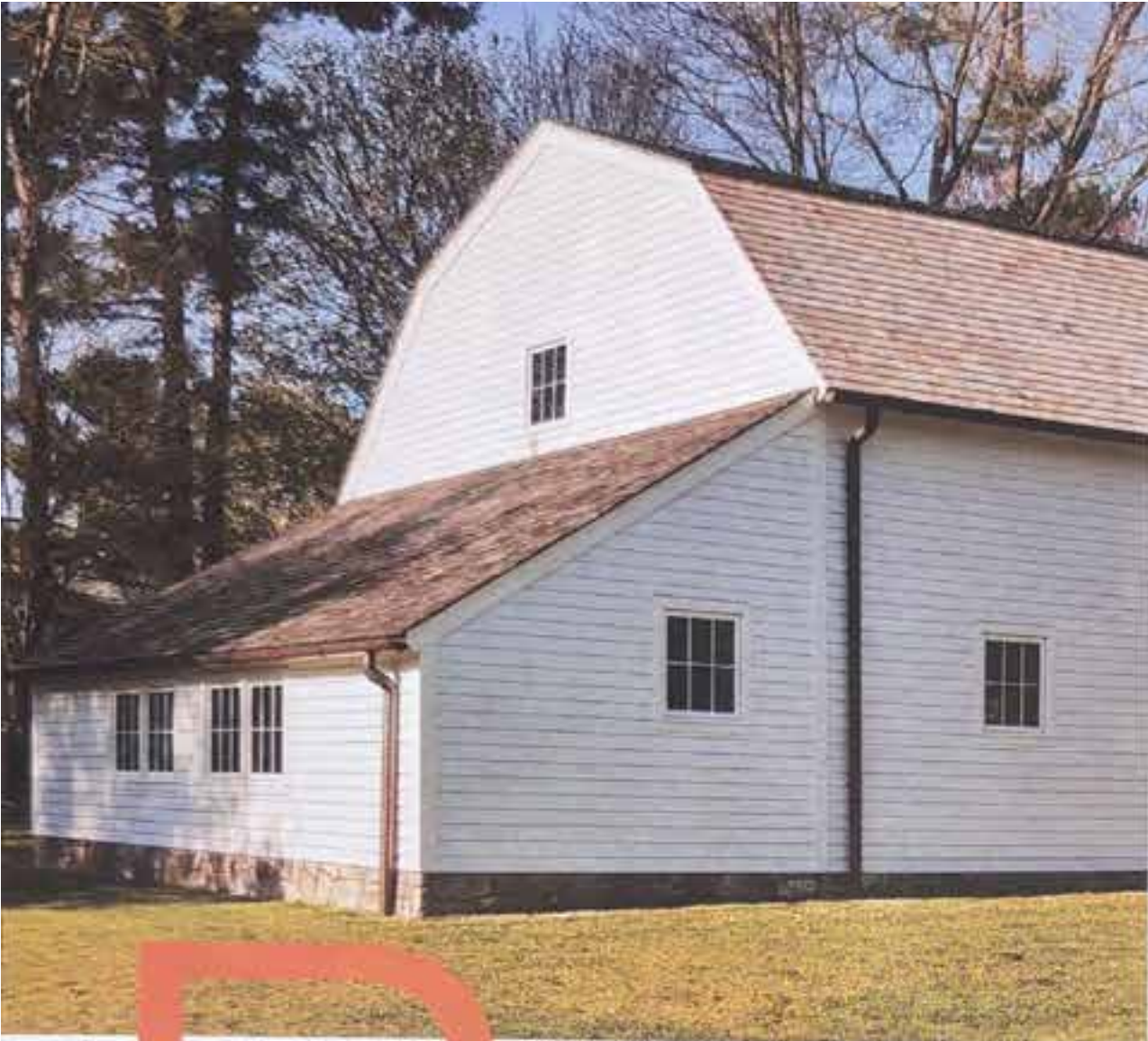


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Raising The Bar
Reclaimed wood lines the walls and ceiling of the main living areas, including the bar where the stools are through Perigold, the wooden barrel bowl is through the Antique and Artisan Gallery, and the large Sloane glass vase is from Ralph Lauren Home. See Resources.



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ich saturated hues got a boost in popularity recently with the selection of Mocha Mousse—a warm, chocolatey brown—as Pantone’s 2025 Color of

the Year. But the allure of a dark and moody palette is nothing new to skilled designers looking to add warmth, interest and character to interiors. When the longtime owners of a Darien property wanted to transform a dilapidated barn into a family-friendly gathering spot, they called on design duo Sarah Major of Sarah P. Major Interior Design and Jesse Held of J.R. Held & Co., who created a chic entertainment space in a sophisticated palette of earth tones.

Originally part of a larger estate, the barn is estimated to date back to the late 18th century. “One wonderful quality of this historic property is that it includes a number of ancillary buildings original to the main house, including the barn,” says Major. “Due to town regulations, the client was challenged with maintaining the barn’s existing footprint and shell but needed to update it significantly. When we arrived, the interior had been stripped down to the studs and the floor was rubble. We wanted to build back a space that felt like it had been there for several hundred years.”

After providing the client with a number of design options, the final choice was the darkest iteration of the bunch with fully clad wood walls and ceiling. “From there, it was about balancing the rustic nature of the materials with the finesse and



RESOURCES & MORE

HERE'S WHERE TO FIND THE DESIGN PROFESSIONALS AND PRODUCTS FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE



Small round lamp, Jayson Home. Dining table, RH. Door hardware, Baldwin Hardware. Paint, Sherwin-Williams. Chair pillows, Ralph Lauren. Ping-pong table, Joola. Ping-pong net, Pottery Barn. Powder room: Wallcovering, Schumacher. Mirror, Fairfield Antique & Design. Toilet, Waterworks. Sink, Kohler. Faucet, Barber Wilson. TV area: Sofas, RH. Rug, Safavieh. Lamp, Ethan Allen. Trunk and hurricanes, Ralph Lauren. Chandeliers and wall sconces, Visual Comfort. Coffee table, RH. Sofa pillow fabric, Kravet. Pillow trim, Samuel & Sons.

PAST PERFECT

Pages 74–81: Interior design, Matthew Patrick Smyth, matthewsmyth.com. Stylist, Mieke Ten Have, mieketenhavet.com. General contractor, Summit Associates, summit-cares.com. Landscape design, Michael Trapp, michaeltrapp.com. Foyer: Console, Incollect. Mirror, David Neigam Antiques. Rug, Elizabeth Eakins. Bell jar lantern fixture, Sutter Antiques. Sconces, Remains Lighting. Sconce shades, Shandelle. Living room: Painting, Gladys Goldstein through David Bell Antiques. Chair fabric, Peter Fasano. Entry hall: Wallpaper, Brunswick & Fis. Clock, Sutter Antiques. Center table, David Neigam Antiques. Stools and lantern, The Antique and Artisan Gallery. Stool upholstery, Schumacher. Rug, Patterson Flynn. Living room: Sofa and chair fabrication, Anthony Lawrence-Belfair. Sofa fabric, Romo. Drapery, sofa pillow and chair fabric, Lee Jofa. Giltwood armchair, Gerald Bland. Mantel, Jamb. Coffee table, Avery & Dash. Vase on coffee table, pedestals and coal bucket, Susan Silver Antiques. Window drapery fabrication, Interiors Haberdashery. Drapery fabric, Lee Jofa. Drapery tape trim, Samuel & Sons. Woven shades, Hartmann & Forbes. Wall paint, Benjamin Moore. Painting over mantel, Gladys Goldstein through David Bell Antiques. Print, Gordon Hart through Galene Gris. Rug, Patterson Flynn. Living room detail: Sconce, David Neigam Antiques. Vase and porcelain monkey, Sutter Antiques. Leather books, Johnnycake Books. Painting, David Bell Antiques. Dining room: Artwork, Lizze Gil through Standard Space. Sideboard, Sutter Antiques. Dining chairs, Jasper LA. Dining chair

SERIOUSLY FUN

Pages 52–61: Interior design, Lynn Morgan and Jim Ribaud, Lynn Morgan Design, lynnorgandesign.com. Architect, Bridger AAD, bridgeraad.com. Landscape architecture, Kristen Andronowicz, 203-966-5080. Front exterior: Electric vehicle, Moke. Foyer: Mirror, Made Goods. Console, Lynn Morgan Design. Stairway runner, A.T. Proudian. Art, Lynn Morgan Design. Living room: Club chairs, Roman shades and pillow fabrics, Caroline Cecil through Lee Jofa. Sectional fabric, Perennials. Rug, Stark. Coffee table, Old Mill Road Tables. Blue pillow fabric, Clarence House. Standing lamps, Visual Comfort. Entry: Bench, Williams Sonoma. Bench fabric, Clarence House. Kitchen: Island light fixture, Visual Comfort. Stools, RH. Dining area: Table, Old Mill Road. Tables. Banquette fabric, Armitex. Chair fabric, CAC Milano. Office: Desk chair, Laura Davidson. Ceiling wallpaper, Caroline Cecil through Lee Jofa. Primary bedroom: Bed, Williams Sonoma. Bed pillow fabric, Thibaut. Drapery fabric, Schumacher. Rug, Stark. Lamps, Robert Abbey. Side tables, Jonathan Adler. Chair and

ottoman fabrics, JAB. Overhead light fixture, Visual Comfort. Guest room: Stool fabric, JAB. Console, CB2. Mirror, Pottery Barn.

COUNTRY CHIC

Pages 62–67: Interior design, Jason VanWarren, Ellsworth Home, ellsworthhome.com. Contractor, Roger Hedman, Riga Construction, rigaconstruction.com. Living room: Chairs, Chairish. Chair and drapery fabric, Schumacher. Sofa, Interiors by George & Martha. Sofa fabric, Donghia. Coffee table, Room & Board. Vintage green suede chair, Rago Auctions. Blue lamp, Horchow. Desk lamp, Hunter Bee. Rug, Etsy. Chest of drawers, Star Gallery. Pottery, Montage Antiques. Dining room: Pendant, Visual Comfort. Dining table, Design Within Reach. Dining chairs, Chairish. Sofa/banquette, Pottery Barn. Rug, Sisal Rugs. Lamp, Jamie Young Co. Scalloped tray, Serena & Lily. Kitchen: Cabinetry paint, Farrow & Ball. Island pendant, Schoolhouse. Runner, Annie Selke. Faucet and pot filler, Kingston Brass. Hardware, Rejuvenation and Etsy. Blue and white lamp, Montage Antiques. Light above sink, Visual

Comfort. Sconce, Original BTC. Art on wall, Karen Lesage. Bar stool, Home Depot. Paint on bar stool, Benjamin Moore. Primary bathroom: Tub and faucet, Vintage Tub & Bath. Stool, Ballard Designs. Primary bedroom: Headboard, bed skirt, bench and lamps, Ballard Designs. Bedside tables, Chairish. Drapery fabric, Rogers & Goffigon. Screened porch: Cushion fabric, Sunbrella. Lounge chairs, Sunset West.

SWATHED IN RICH HUES

Pages 68–73: Interior design, Sarah Major, Sarah P. Major Interior Design, sarahpmajor.com. Architectural designer, Jesse Held, J.R. Held & Co., jrhelddandco.com. General contractor, Jason Bomer, Amgine, 203-856-3624. Bar area: Chandelier and sconces, Visual Comfort. Stools, Perigold. Wooden barrel bowl, The Antique and Artisan Gallery. Glass vase and trunks, Ralph Lauren. Faucet, Kalista. Shelf supports, Palmer Industries. Lamps, Ethan Allen. Dining area: Chairs, Ralph Lauren. Wallcovering, Philip Jeffries. Artwork, Jeff Blazewski. Pendants, The Urban Electric Co. Trophy, The Antique and Artisan Gallery. Bowl, Juliska.

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restoration, ECR Antiques. Chair reupholstery, Upholstery Services. Chair fabric, Osborne & Little. Table, Keith Fritz through John Rosselli & Associates. Drapery fabrication, Interiors Haberdashery. Drapery fabric and tape, Schumacher. Woven shades, Hartmann & Forbes. Wallpaper, Pollack. Rug, Patterson Flynn. Wood cut artwork, Marina Adams through Galerie Gris. Kitchen: Cabinetry, Signature Custom Cabinetry through Kitchen Solutions Inc. Sink, Waterworks. Kitchen accessories, Honeychurch Home. Still life painting by window, Susan Rand. Powder room: Wallpaper, Schumacher. Sconce, David Duncan Studio. Mirror, Scully & Scully. Faucet, Waterworks. Family room: Crane, Creel and Gow. Sectional, A. Rudin. Sectional fabric, Thibaut. Pillows, Castel. Chair, Paul Ferrante. Coffee table, Walker Zabriskie Furniture & Home. Sconces, Carlos de la Puente Antiques. Primary bedroom: Bed, Leonards Antiques. Chests, Montage Antiques. Armchairs, Susan Silver Antiques. Chair reupholstery, Mill Upholstery. Chair fabric, Pierre Frey. Area rug, Elizabeth Eakins. Mirrors, David Neligan Antiques. Mantel and hearth, Chesneys. Drapery fabric, Lee Jofa. Drapery fabrication, Interiors Haberdashery. Ceiling light fixture, Ann Madonia Antiques. Picture on mantel, Yew Tree Antiques. Carpeting, Patterson Flynn. Guest bedroom: Headboard, canopy and Roman shade fabrication, Interiors Haberdashery. Headboard fabric, Romo. Wallcovering, canopies and fabric for exterior canopy panels, Pierre Frey. Interior canopy panels, Cowtan & Tout. Canopy and bed skirt trim, Samuel & Sons. Bed skirt and Roman shade fabric, Romo. Nightstand and commode, BK Antiques. Footstool and box, Susan Silver Antiques. Throw, Honeychurch Home. Candlestick lamp, Montage Antiques. Primary bathroom: Wallpaper, Twigg's Wallpaper and Fabric through John Rosselli & Associates.

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