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decorating from scratch

Interior designer **Timothy Whealon** collaborated with client (and sister) **Anne Flanagan** on her suburban Chicago 1920s Colonial, satisfying her desire for grown-up decorating that's also vibrant and kid-friendly. Here's how they did it, room by room—plus a workbook that breaks down the process with paints, patterns and expert tips.

photographs by MELANIE ACEVEDO text by SARAH ROBERTSON



living room

what Flanagan wanted: A space energized with bright hues and patterns—but not too feminine or goofy for her husband, Michael.

how Whealon did it: He found a bold fruit print for curtains, which became the starting point for the whole room. The walls, sofa and tufted coffee table pick up its tones. Whealon breaks up the peachy party with a framed suzani (left). Traditional wing chairs are covered in a Florentine-inspired print and made more modern with nail-head trim—a “couture detail,” says Whealon.

pro secret: Legless pieces like the blue ceramic garden stool (foreground) and white Moroccan pouf loosen up a room full of footed furniture.

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family rooms

what Flanagan wanted: Stylish, cozy breakfast and family rooms (both are off the kitchen), where the whole family could gather to eat and watch TV.
how Whealon did it: Starting with a simple color scheme—creamy yellow, blue and white—he expanded these tiny spaces with little tricks, like shades hung high above the window and a large bamboo mirror. Elegant touches, including Delft plates and a chandelier in the breakfast room, elevate practical elements, while a geometric rug cuts the family room's formality.
pro secret: "Putting small pieces in a small room can actually make a space seem even tinier," says Whealon. "A commanding table [like the oversize coffee table, above] takes the eye off the size of the room."



girls' room

what Flanagan wanted: A pink space that's youthful but still elegant.

how Whealon did it: Whealon's jumping-off point was a framed Turkish scarf from the 1920s. The Eastern-inspired fabric he used for the pillows, lamp shade and chair unifies the room and offers detail against the calm white of the beds. Matching checked fabric on headboards and tailored bed skirts brings another subtle layer of warm pink. To keep things neat, all toys live in one large basket at the foot of a bed.

pro secret: White frames give dark art an airy feel. Here it also picks up on the painted furniture, pulling together the space.

master bedroom

what Flanagan wanted: A peaceful retreat, without having to resort to a neutral palette.

how Whealon did it: With a lot of wall to cover—the cathedral ceiling rises 12 feet—he chose soothing but not boring sea-foam green, using related tones for bedding and accessories. Bedside tables from Flanagan (and Whealon's mother were painted grayish white to complement the underwater palette. With sunny rooms, Whealon likes to include glass pieces that reflect light, such as the Murano apple on the nightstand. He also raised the bed several inches to give it more presence in the tall space.

pro secret: Adjust the placement of sconces in rooms with high ceilings. Here, Whealon installed lamps six inches higher than his 5'6" standard.



In Flanagan's bedroom, cool-toned geometric patterns bring depth.

Euro shams "Border" in Ocean \$80 each, and **Dubet and shams set** "Hexagon" in Ocean \$230 dwellshop.com
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Turn for paint and fabric details. →

workbook

an upbeat whole-house palette

We asked interior designer **Timothy Whealon** to decode this project for us—with the fabrics, paints and trim he used to revitalize his sister's fully populated home.

photographs by **MELANIE ACEVEDO**

living room

The palette is inspired by the fruit-print curtain, but many of the tones Whealon adopted are intentionally off, to prevent an overly decorated look. Coral paint on walls, for example, is lighter (he customized the store-bought shade with a bit of white). The trellis fabric on the sofa is olive but picks up the fabric's mint green. Yellow on side chairs (lighter than the curtains) provides a neutral.



WALL PAINT
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Anne Flanagan (with son, Step) and her decorator brother, Timothy Whealon, on the custom sectional.



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family rooms

Except for the walls and mirror, everything is blue and white. A solid sofa works as a neutral, sending the eye up to floral shades, and making the space feel bigger. Clean stripes balance more complex patterns.



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girls' bedroom

Whealon chose a paint that's feminine but not saccharine, then layered pinks with upholstery and accessories. The intricate print on the pillows, lamp shade and chair play to the artwork and add a satisfying repetitive element.



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master bedroom

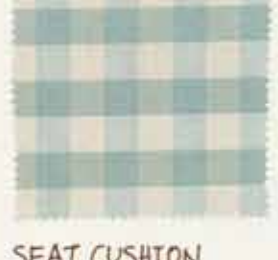
Sea-foam green is both restful and—because it's from nature—full of life. The angular check on the headboard and bed skirt are different sizes, a detail that injects some fun into an otherwise serene space.



WALL PAINT
Leisure Green #2035-60
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HEADBOARD
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