



TRENDING *DESIGN*

Turning Spaces into Fantasy Escapes

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There is a boldness of flavor that characterizes each square mile of Miami, from the eclectic Art Deco architecture to the stark blue Atlantic coastline. So if it is true that like attracts like, then it is no wonder why HGTV star David Bromstad makes his home in colorful Bal Harbour.

This Floridian designer has an eye for color and drama, which is why it's no surprise to learn that he started his career executing installations for Disney's Orlando theme parks. As a true artist, it's safe to say Bromstad won't be pigeonholed; he wields a paintbrush as well as a jigsaw, and has designed spaces ranging from fantasy children's bedrooms to the upscale House of Rock dining room in Santa Monica.

But whether it's a living room remodel for his hit series Color Splash or a textile for his popular bed & bath line, Bromstad always delivers an inspiring impression of whimsy and wonder.

As a self-proclaimed "escapism" enthusiast, the designer's ingenuity lies in his ability to create an otherworldly oasis in his clients' homes. By incorporating grandly scaled baroque elements, dramatic textures and palettes that pop, Bromstad creates the semblance of a fantasy get-away in every interior he plans.

In his "Eye Wide Open Room," for instance, slate gray walls balance the vibrant green and yellow hues, while the glittering chandelier breathes a sense of enchantment into the bedroom. It is this prevailing sense of enchantment that turns rooms with classical, modern and even retro embellishments into timeless turfs that create a context all of their own.

Fans of Bromstad's vibrant perspective can find him on HGTV's The White Room Challenge and Color Splash, and can find his signature paintings available through Penny Lane Publishing. To learn more about David Bromstad, visit his website, www.bromstad.com.

