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HOME | *designer in residence*

SOUTHERN COMFORT

Amelia Handegan shares the go-to elements she uses again and again to achieve her crisp, sophisticated take on tradition.



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Charleston-based interior designer Amelia Handegan has built a reputation on expertly blending traditional Southern gentility with a fresh-faced perspective—think gracious Greek Revival manses in which bare wood floors and soothing contemporary palettes balance formal undertones. “I keep one foot in the past and the other in the present,” she says. Her formula relies on conscientious editing, a mix of high and low, and details that draw on history but resist being typecast in period roles. “A room has to look like it evolved over time.”

SECRETS OF FOREVER STYLE

- “Keep things clean-lined and pared down, especially in a traditional setting. You shouldn’t overfill a space. You want enough to feel comfortable, but not so much that it doesn’t feel serene.”
- “Balance fine antiques with objects that are interesting and not as dollar-important. Maybe it’s a special textile you frame or a lamp that’s a little quirky. It will make everything more approachable.”
- “Architecture should inform your scheme, but don’t let it dictate every detail. Mix in antiques from different eras. Sleek, lacquered cabinets can look great in an 18th-century kitchen.”

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URBAN ELECTRIC CO. YA-TA' HE' LANTERN Modern, but subtly so; \$2,455, 843-723-8140.



GRACIE SCENIC WALLPAPER
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