

This Old House

Melting-pot living room

In this lively gathering spot, elements from far-flung cultures blend harmoniously. Here's how to duplicate the global effect in your home

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An artful mix of influences from around the world coexists peacefully in the living room of this Spanish Colonial Revival house in Los Angeles. Vibrant ethnic textiles are juxtaposed with classic furniture shapes, giving it the feel of a world traveler's den. With a base of neutrals, including tobacco-colored sofas and pure white walls, the strong hues and patterns don't overwhelm. "I wanted to use a lot of bright colors that vibrated together, so I grounded them with a backdrop of neutrals," says interior designer Jackie Terrell, who furnished the space. To create the global look she was after, she chose ornate, Moorish-style chests inlaid with bone, a kilim-covered ottoman that's rooted in the Middle East, and an Indian patchwork throw.

Here are some traditional and ethnic-inspired pieces to create a similar look at your house. ■

paisley pillows
Exotic toss pillows stitched with paisley, a design that originated in India, liven up the seating. \$35 and \$40 each; pier1.com

pedestal table

This slim wooden accent table has a gold-painted floral design on the top, a nod to French antiques. \$199; accentfurnituredirect.com

