

ARKANSAS LIFE

50 REASONS TO LOVE OUR STATE

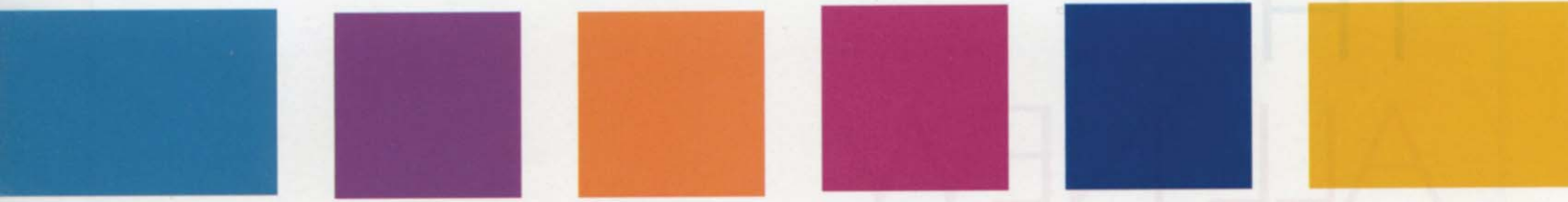


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BECAUSE OUR
FISHING HOLES
ARE WORLD
RENOWNED.





COLOR ME HAPPY

WINTER'S BEEN LONG AND COLD AND DRAB, DON'T YOU THINK? IF, LIKE US, YOU'RE IN THE MOOD FOR A PICK-ME-UP, READ ON FOR TIPS FROM THREE TOP LOCAL DESIGNERS ON TRIED-AND-TRUE TECHNIQUES TO INFUSE YOUR HOME WITH BRIGHT, SUNNY STYLE

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KEVIN WALSH

■ **LITTLE ROCK'S BEAR-HILL INTERIORS** is known for designing crisp, clean spaces that exude sophistication. To create this relaxed-yet-refined entry hall, designer Kevin Walsh started with a classic pairing of blue and white. To add interest, he paneled the walls, then crowned them in a Manuel Canovas trellis wallpaper. To finish the room, the paper's blue hue was continued in the accessories—an airy glass lamp, custom cushions and an eye-catching work of art.



KEVIN'S TIPS

PLAN AHEAD

Take swatches of your paint and fabrics with you when shopping. Also, small-business retail will usually provide a few days for items to go out on approval. That way you can see everything in your space first.

PALETTE PLEASERS

My go-tos are cobalt blue and hot pink, bubble-gum pink and grey flannel—and anything and white.

PICKING FAVORITES

If it is a color you love, go for it! Or just do what appeals to you—that will usually stand the test of time. Really dial in to what will please you.

TAKING RISKS

Some rules are meant to be broken. Pink and purple? Not just for girls. Blue isn't just for boys.

INDUSTRY INSIDERS

Benjamin Moore and Sherwin Williams are my go-tos for paint. For fabric, I turn to Quadrille. Jim Thompson and Lee Jofa.