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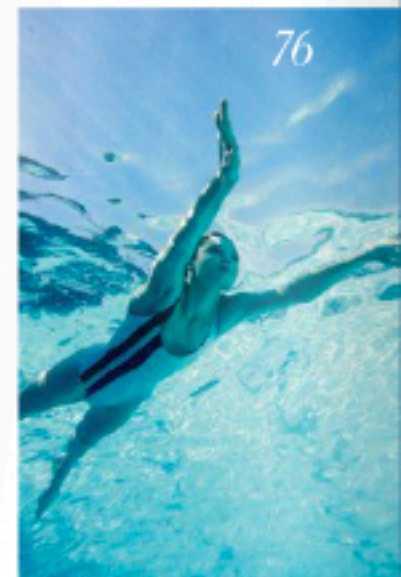
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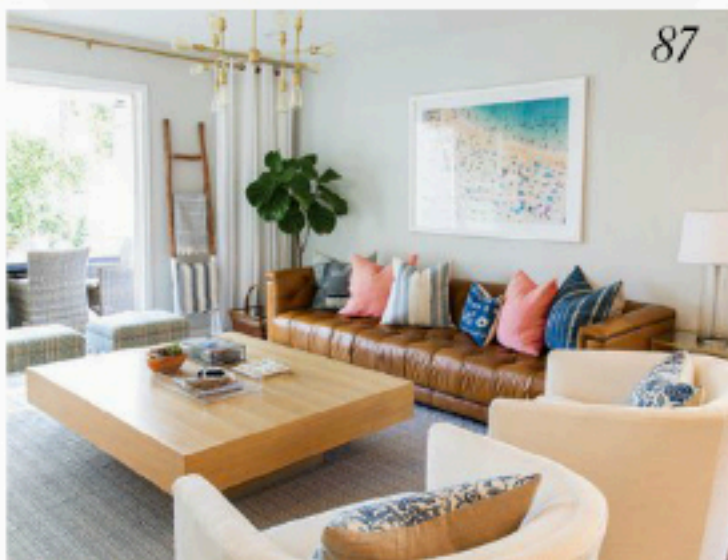
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# Home

## *Coastal Crush*

Breezy interiors and poolside fun for summer lounging

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## One to WATCH

Lucky for us, Rita Chan Donahoe decided to move her family of (almost) five, and her business, **RITA CHAN INTERIORS**, from Manhattan Beach to Santa Barbara. Currently pregnant and in the midst of remodeling their new San Roque farmhouse, she's been up and down California infusing interiors with her friendly, beachy style. Her "clean coastal aesthetic" is equally peaceful and whimsical, bringing the allure of vacation into her clients' home. "Much of my

work has been inspired by the coastal lifestyle, which has been my passion and way of living for many years now," she says. "Lucky for me, that makes a lot of sense here in Santa Barbara." JENNIFER BLAISE KRAMER

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## Ceramic glow

Italian-born **MIRI MARA** is known for his stylish, sculptural ceramic vessels displayed and sold in his Carpinteria gallery. Now he's moved beyond bowls and vases into the lighting world, bringing his signature "calm design" into pendants and lamps (from \$580). Like all his work, everything is handmade with an Art Deco wink, and textures and color variations are one of a kind. 5292 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria, 805-220-6285. J.B.K.

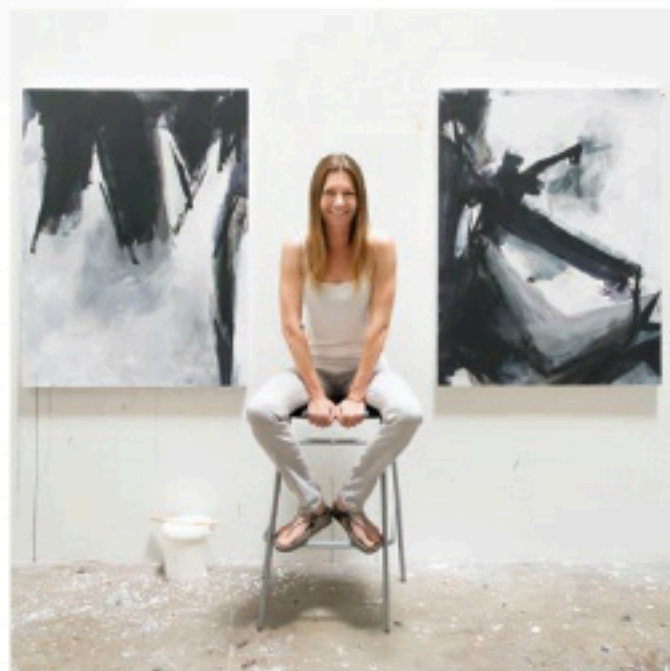
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## Artful Interiors

When interior designer Julia Mora was remodeling a Montecito home, she saw a need for custom paintings and commissioned artist **STEPHANIE CATE**. The great-grandniece of Curtis Cate—founder of the Cate School—Stephanie (who now lives in Los Angeles) has a strong connection to Santa Barbara and works closely with designers such as Mora to help homeowners and first-time art buyers move past framed posters and mass-produced art. Her abstract pieces now grace the walls of Gallery Montecito and a few local residences, lending the "undeniable energy and presence" that she says only original art can. "When my work resonates with someone on a visceral level and they choose to acquire one of my pieces for their home, it's a great honor to me," says Cate. "You don't need to have a degree in art to understand abstraction. You just need to allow yourself to feel the imagery speak to you." J.B.K.

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