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House Beautiful

BIG STYLE IN SMALL SPACES

425 SQ. FT.
ONE-ROOM

1,200 SQ. FT.
TWO-STORY

1,650 SQ. FT.
BEACH HOUSE

640 SQ. FT.
APARTMENT

1,450 SQ. FT.
COTTAGE

**THE MOST
MAGICAL
LITTLE ROOMS
IN EVERY
HOUSE!**

**PLUS
AMAZING
PAINT
COLORS**



THE NEXT WAVE

Their interiors never shout for attention. These design partners know how to make a room stand out by dressing it in neutrals.

Interview by
LILITH DORKO

ALISON VANDERPOOL & ARIANA VILLALTA



"Keep it simple—nothing too froufrou or trendy."

ALISON VANDERPOOL

"Mix it up. It's much more interesting and fun."

ARIANA VILLALTA

QUICK FACTS

LIVE IN New York City

OPENED The Elegant Abode in 2011

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WHAT'S YOUR...

- 1. MOST COVETED ITEM**
ARIANA Alison Berger's Lure Sconce from Holly Hunt.
- 2. DECORATING ICON** **ALISON** Elsie de Wolfe.
- 3. DECORATING STYLE**
ARIANA Soothing, sophisticated colors, practical furniture.
- 4. SOFA STYLE** **ALISON** Loose back. You can just fall into the pillows and relax.
- 5. HOME FRAGRANCE** **ALISON** Archipelago's Lemmongrass soy candle makes the house smell like spring.
- 6. FAVORITE CHAIR** **ALISON** Oly's Duncan. I love a tall wing back for extra drama.
- 7. PILLOW TRIM** **ARIANA** Self welt—it's polished, chic.
- 8. FAVORITE FABRIC** **ARIANA** Castel's Cimone. I'm loving everything chevron these days.
- 9. ACCESSORIES SOURCE**
ALISON Home Goods has great, inexpensive decorative accents.
- 10. & 11. DREAM PLACE TO LIVE** **ARIANA** Santa Barbara, **ALISON** Nice, France. Those pebble beaches...heaven! ●



ABOVE: "This is a tailored bedroom, but all the textures give it a cozy warmth," Villalta says. The duo layered plush and sparkly custom pillows against the tufted headboard of a Horchow Brea bed and atop Restoration Hardware bedding. **LEFT:** They often update vintage pieces with paint. Villalta preferred the way the cabinet looked after just one coat of primer.



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