



# A Colorful Collaboration

*Ashley DeLapp makes over a standalone office and two bathrooms inspired by her client's own artwork*

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It all started with some pink kitchen cabinets.

Ashley DeLapp's client, Alison Sherrill, had admired them when the designer's home was on the market a few years ago. Sherrill didn't end up purchasing DeLapp's house, but when she bought her Quail Hollow home in early 2021, she remembered those cabinets and hired DeLapp to revamp a few rooms in the dated brick ranch. "She's definitely not afraid of color," DeLapp says. "She wanted it to be like a Barbie dreamhouse."

The property had a standalone art studio that Sherrill wanted to turn into a lounge to display her bourbon collection and a workspace to house her business, Standout Creative Design. The longtime painter does commissioned artwork, custom ceiling medallions, and Lucite paintings that are available at Society Social and Cotswold Marketplace. Her work was also the inspiration for DeLapp's redesign of her beverage station.

"She paints in reverse on Lucite, and I knew I wanted her to do those panels for me," DeLapp says. "Once we had our

color palette and fabrics, I said, 'Run with it.' The whole thing revolved around that backsplash."

In addition to the artist's lounge, DeLapp renovated the adjoining bathroom as well as another bathroom in the main house with more vibrant colors and bold patterns. The project wasn't without stress, though. Two days after Christmas, and six months into the renovation, the entire studio flooded. "The cabinets were OK, but we had to rip out all the floors and install all new flooring," DeLapp says. "Now, I think the pre-finished wood floors we put in look better than the original."

By spring, they were back on track, and Sherrill was thrilled with her color-blasted spaces. "I always say, 'It's just paint,'" DeLapp says. "Even on cabinets, it can always be repainted. You see a million white kitchens, so why not do something different and bring your personality out? When people trust the process and do something different, they wind up loving it."

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## WHAT'S WHAT

**Cabinet Color**  
» Azure Water by Benjamin Moore

**Fixtures**  
» Modern Matter

**Rug**  
» Surya

**Rattan Pendant Light**  
» Arteriors

**Lavender Chairs**  
» Slate Interiors

**Rattan Sofa**  
» Chairish

**Curtain Panels**  
» S. Harris

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## THE LOUNGE

"We had to rip out all the old white cabinets and tile countertop because she wanted a wine fridge in there. The space isn't huge, so to fit the sink and the wine fridge, we had to go custom. I had the cabinets made by a carpenter in Matthews. We took the cabinet color two to three levels lighter and painted the ceiling. It's a very calming space with lots of blue, which is her favorite color. The furniture is a mix of the homeowner's and some new pieces. She bought those vintage lavender chairs from Slate Interiors. The desk, chair, and rattan sofa are all new. But my favorite thing about it is the bar. I always go back to those acrylic panels." —A.D.





**WHAT'S WHAT**

Wallpaper  
» makelike

Shower Tile  
» Annie Selke

Sink  
» Etsy

Mirror  
» Howard Elliott

Hardware  
» Kohler

Sconce  
» Arteriors



**WHAT'S WHAT**

Wallpaper  
» Harlequin

Shower Tile  
» The Tile Shop

Mirror  
» Uttermost

Sconce  
» Sazerac Stitches

Hardware  
» Kohler

Vanity  
» Modway

Sink  
» Concretti Designs

**LOUNGE  
BATHROOM**

“This space is so beautiful. It’s got a very cohesive, relaxing vibe. That wallpaper is from a company out of Portland, Oregon. Everything is hand-printed; that’s how you get that true metallic gold. This bathroom originally had hardwood floors, but I chose a simple marble hexagon tile so it wouldn’t compete with the wallpaper and the lavender subway tile in the shower. The concrete, pistachio-colored sink was the perfect color to pull out the green in the wallpaper.” —A.D.



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**PINK  
BATHROOM**

“I started with the pink shower tile—that was my jumping-off point. When I showed (the homeowner) the tile with gold splatter, she loved it immediately. A lot of people don’t like birds, but I loved it with the chartreuse color for the wallpaper. The body of the bird has a lot of blush in it, so it looked pretty together. The vanity came with a top, but I didn’t use it; I used the same quartz as the lounge. I added the pink sink on top, from The Charlotte Concrete Company. I found the light fixture on Etsy years ago, and I thought it would be cool to go vertical with it. My favorite part is the shower—the installation was flawless with that tile—and your jaw hits the floor when you see it in person. This used to be the cat’s bathroom, but I told her there had better never be a litter box in that bathroom ever again!” —A.D. 🏡



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