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A Passion for Color

A BUCKHEAD RESIDENT CREATES THE ULTIMATE HOME BY SURROUNDING HERSELF WITH CHERISHED COLLECTIONS AND EMBRACING HER LOVE FOR COLOR

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D Palm Beach is a city known for color, but stylemaker Ruth Dobbs Anthony doesn't have to go to her vacation home there for a dose of pink and green and other punchy colors—she can find them at her primary residence right here in Atlanta. From a promontory that overlooks one of the city's most fashionable neighborhoods, Anthony's Buckhead villa glows like a rare gem. But the home's rose-colored, Palladian-inspired façade is just a hint of the kaleidoscopic color that lies within. For this is a home for someone where color is a way of life—inside and out.

Much of the color comes through Anthony's collections, including exquisite porcelains that she has acquired since she first started buying as a child. Saturated hues also cover the walls, furniture and other surfaces, while shiny hardware—faucets, door handles, etc.—glitters like exquisite jewelry. It's a rainbow of hues that this entrepreneur, philanthropist and fundraiser loves to surround herself with.

From the formal dining room and its luxurious, hand-painted wall coverings to the more casual tiles in the kitchen, color is embedded in this home. The sunroom's furniture is awash in bright floral and print fabrics, while a softer palette embraces guests in the foyer. There is no denying the palette's feminine touches, yet it suits the entire family, including her husband and their children.

The imitable work of well-known residential designer Bill Baker graces every part of the estate, and his classic detailing belies the home's young age. The house is imbued with the craftsmanship of what seems to be a bygone era, yet its design accommodates the family's contemporary lifestyle. With Baker's eye for quality (he is the subject of the book *New Classicists*), and the talents of the home's stylish owner (Anthony is the former proprietor of Atlanta's Sherle Wagner showroom), this is a home where color and personality reign supreme.

Ruth Dobbs Anthony's dining room features a exuberant hand-painted wallcovering that reflects her personal love of color. Some of her personal collections displayed on the mantel radiate a kaleidoscope of hues, particularly blues, purples and aquas.



