

HERE'S THE STORY

A TV writer and her book-loving family created a home that's full of character.

Plot twist: That's not a real library behind the stairs! It's a trompe l'oeil wallpaper from Wall & Decò.

Solar panels and drought-tolerant plants make this Los Angeles home more efficient.

Yahlin Chang and her husband, Ryan Craig, met in an English class at Yale, and ever since, books have been a theme in their lives. "We're a family of readers and writers, including our kids," says Yahlin, a producer and writer on the show *The Handmaid's Tale*. So when the couple hired Los Angeles architect and designer May Sung to build them a new home in the Pacific Palisades neighborhood, May incorporated floor-to-ceiling shelves for their library, book-patterned wallpaper, and best of all, a secret bookcase door that leads to Ryan's office. (He's a venture fund manager.) "This is the first house that we've ever owned," Yahlin says. "We wanted to create a place unique to us."

Ryan and Yahlin with two of their three sons, from left, Hal, 14, and Zev, 12 (not pictured: Leo, 17).



LIVING ROOM A big Vioski sectional faces both the TV and retractable doors that open to the patio. At night, the family (including their dog, Henry) likes to hang here and watch comedies. “Some of my fondest memories are of gathering around the TV with my parents and sisters, and I love doing that now with my own family,” Yahlin says. The swivel chair is by Magni, and the tray-style coffee table is from Interior Define.



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Pike's Peak Gray by
Benjamin Moore

KITCHEN Yahlin worked with May to make the kitchen cool and calming, incorporating grayish blue cabinets, a white island, and sleek Vitra counter stools. "I am a terrible cook, and I find the kitchen an incredibly stressful place, but this helps," Yahlin says. The refrigerator, freezer, and two dishwashers are all paneled for a seamless look.



PATIO When the doors are open, this space feels like an extension of the living room. To keep everything looking cohesive, Yahlin and May chose pieces that complement the indoor furniture. The sectional and rockers are made from high-density polyethylene by Dedon. The coffee table, also by Dedon, is powder-coated aluminum.



HOMESCHOOL ROOM

Everything is more fun in this celestial space—even schoolwork! Ryan's interest in astronomy inspired the hand-painted ceiling. A dining table from the family's last house turned out to be a perfect desk. Youngest son Zev uses it the most.

MAIN BEDROOM The bed, by Vioski, has built-in nightstands for a minimalist look. “As a writer, I’ve realized I need time and space to be quiet with my own thoughts and not be inundated by sensory information,” Yahlin says. The bench under the window has a secret purpose: Its cushion is the size of a twin bed, so when the kids were younger, they could crash there.



MAIN BATHROOM White walls, a white vanity, and white floor tile make this space just as serene as Yahlin and Ryan’s bedroom. To mix up the look, May suggested two different floor tile styles by Ann Sacks: a small interlocking mosaic pattern in the middle with a border of wider rectangles.

HAL’S BEDROOM “Of our three kids, Hal is the quirky, artsy, creative one,” Yahlin says. “So we gave him this sort of carnival tent ceiling, and at 14, he’s still into it.” The stripes coordinate with the window treatment fabric by Link. A Pendleton quilt adds another playful pattern.



“Everything was designed with our three active, rambunctious boys (four if you include the dog!) in mind.”
—Yahlin

GET THE LOOK



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Graypants, 22" dia., \$1,300, curatedclt.com



globe
\$100, wayfair.com



damask texture pillow
16", \$35, society6.com



paulsen pillow
18", \$106, paynesgray.com



ryder pillow cover
Surya, 20", \$83, houzz.com



library wall mural
\$125 for 6 panels, brewsterwallcovering.com



weldon coffee table
35½" dia., \$895, livingspaces.com



thin-stripe throw
DII, \$26.50, qvc.com



mai bowl
7½" dia., \$13, crateandbarrel.com



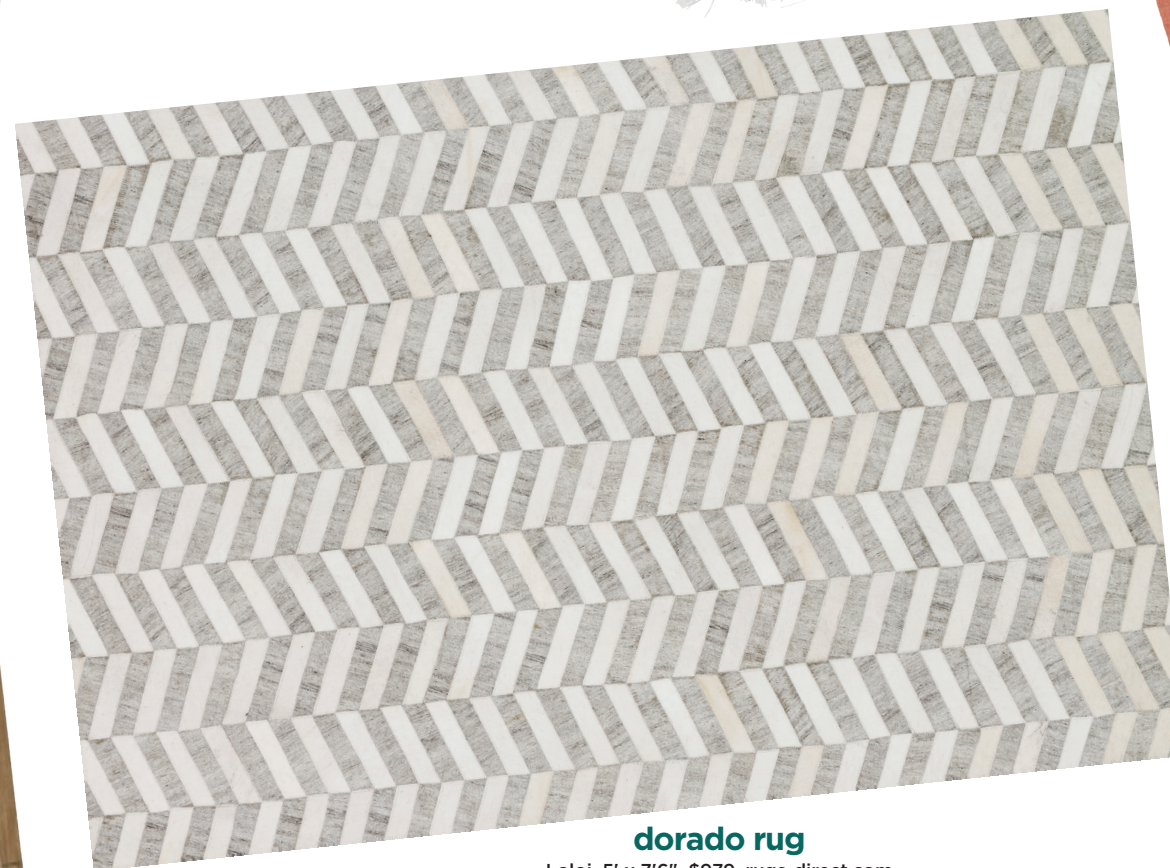
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\$499, article.com



lynea tray
Latitude Run, 19", \$98, wayfair.com



rope rocking chair
\$1,095, blueprintstore.com



dorado rug
Loloi, 5' x 7'6", \$979, rugs-direct.com



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Leanne Ford, 13" tall, \$129, crateandbarrel.com

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Sagebrook Home, 13", \$83, englishelm.com

