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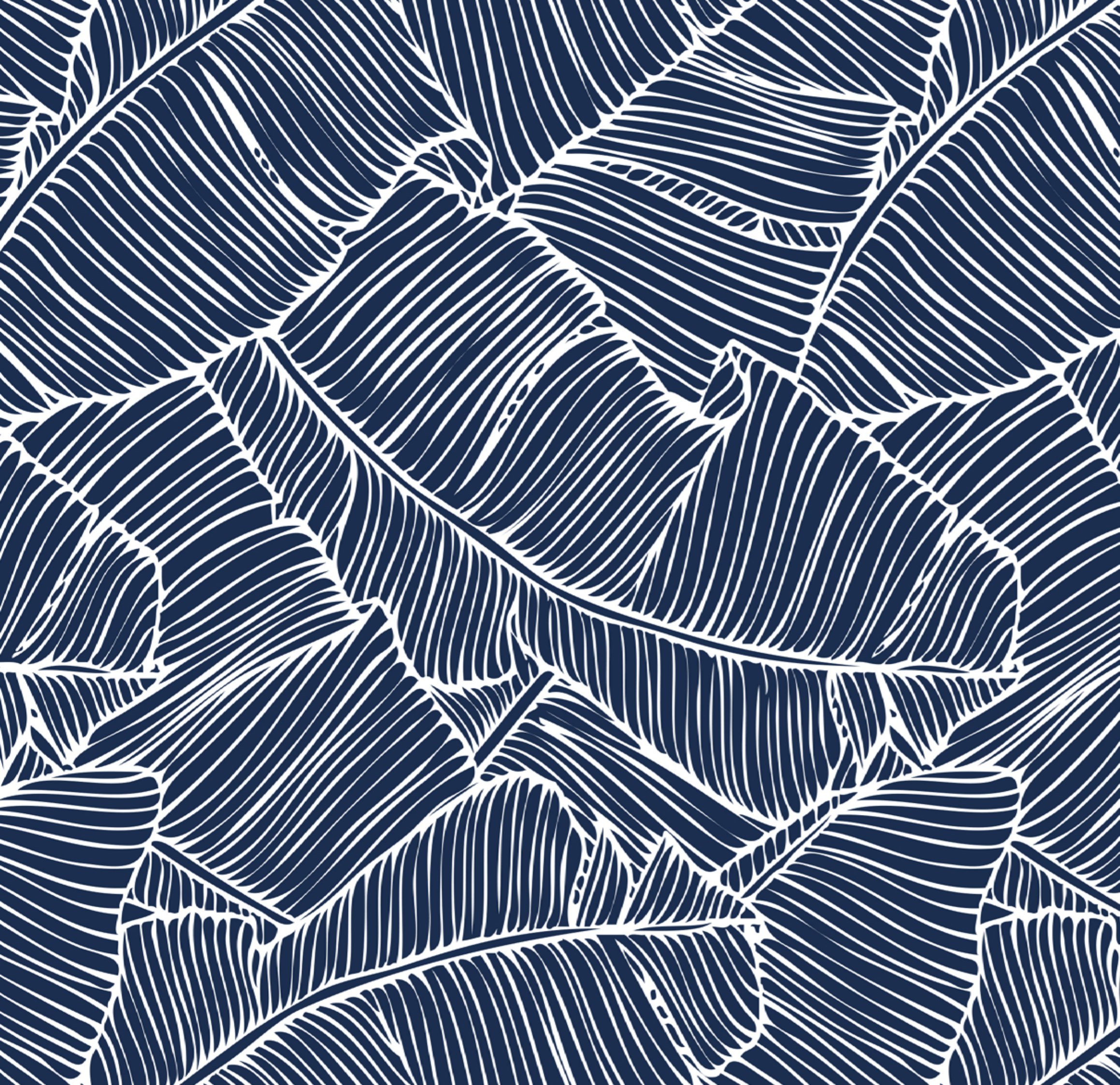


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01 GRACEFUL GARDEN PATIO

In Rachel Lee Hovnanian's Greenwich Village townhouse, a spiral staircase leads to a pleasant, quaint patio. A black floral sculpture by Donald Baechler stands out against a white wall.

02 ROOFTOP PATIO

In this outdoor retreat in New York, a sofa by David Sutherland for Restoration Hardware is covered in a Perennials fabric, the chairs and table are by Paola Lenti and the cocktail table was custom designed for the space.



03 ELEVATED PATIO

The vibrant blue 1950s Wim Rietveld sofa has cushions covered in an Osborne & Little fabric and the chair is from Honoré in this Monaco apartment patio.



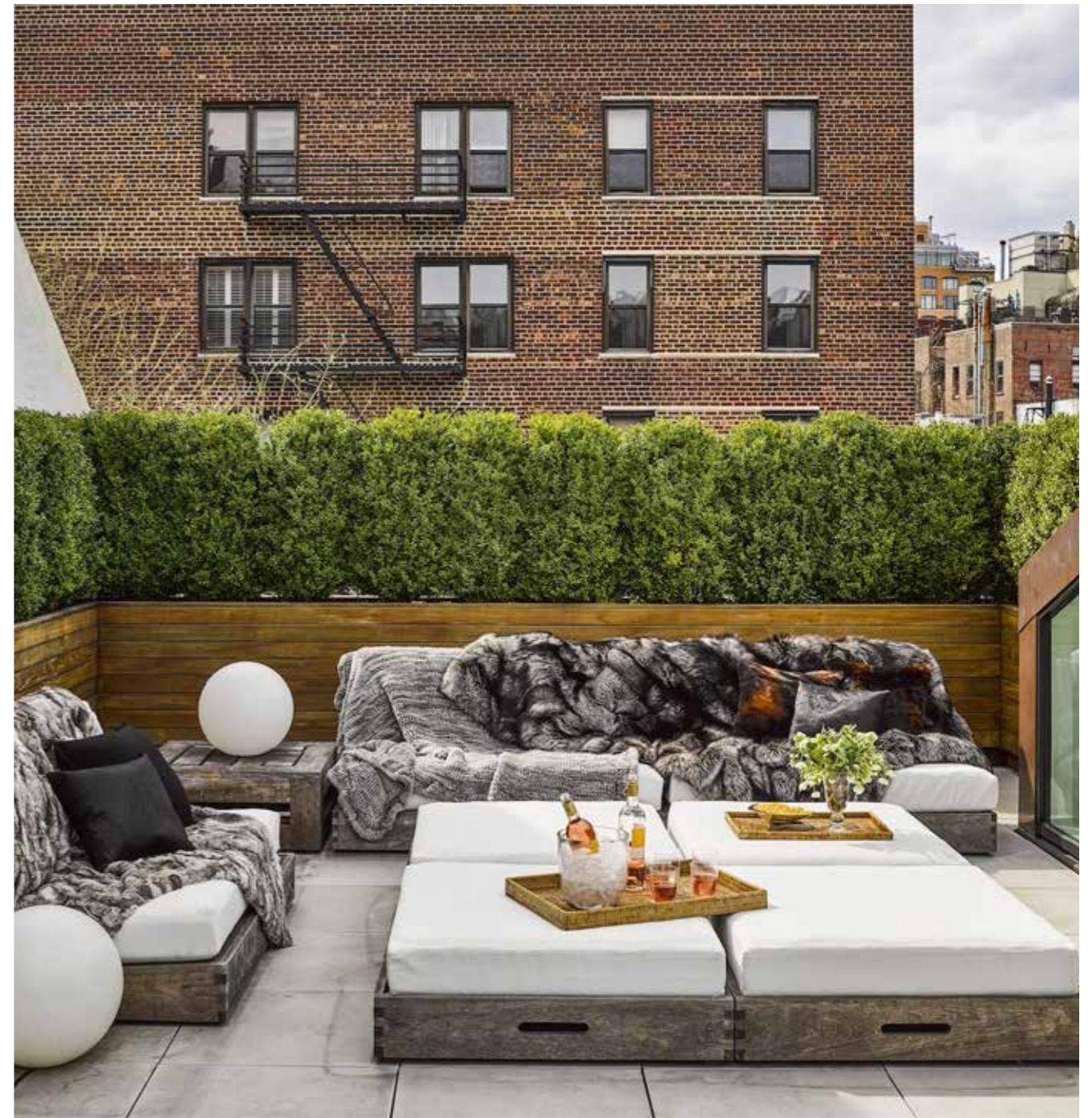
04 BEACH SIDE PATIO

A sofa, cocktail table and chairs by Gandia Blasco sit on a patio in Palm Beach house overlooking the Atlantic. The cushions are upholstered in a Link Outdoor fabric, the rug is by Stark and the landscape design is by Peggy Brazzeal.



05 BRIGHT BLUESTONE PATIO

An antique pendant light hangs above a Chippendale-style cocktail table on a bluestone patio at a Long Island estate. The table is surrounded by Horchow furniture with cushions covered in Sunbrella fabrics.



06 CONTEMPORARY TOWNHOUSE PATIO

Cushions covered in a Perennials fabric sit on teak furniture by David Sutherland on a small patio, shielded by boxwood hedge, outside a West Village townhouse.



07 NEUTRAL TILED PATIO

A custom sofa with cushions covered in a Pierre Frey fabric sits on the patio of a Monte Carlo home. The vintage chair is by Jean Royère and the cocktail table is by Pierre Frey.



08 MODISH COLORFUL PATIO

A sophisticated backyard patio in London is furnished with blue sofas, which were reupholstered in a Perennials fabric, and custom designed marble-and-brass tables.



09 NATURAL CLEFT BLUESTONE PATIO

A pergola covered in white wisteria shades a small patio area in a South Hampton, New York home. The reclaimed teak table is surrounded by rattan chairs with Sunbrella cushions from Bloom and a French iron chair.



10 COLORFUL GEOMETRIC PATIO

Argentine designer Luis Galliussi decorated this small patio for model Eugenia Silva's Portugal home, where he included a banquette covered in African textiles found in Ibiza, an urn found in a nearby village, floor cushions that are covered in remnants of antique Moroccan kilims and a Moroccan rug.



11 EXCEPTIONAL PATIO FURNISHINGS

A backyard patio is filled with unexpected furnishings: The wicker seating is painted in Farrow & Ball's Off-Black from Beall & Bell, the pillows are covered in a striped design fabric by Jennifer Shorto, and the folding chairs and painting hanging on the exterior of the house were both found at a Paris flea market.



12 CHIC WOODEN PATIO

The homeowners of this Moroccan abode make the most of a narrow patio by incorporating canvas-covered poufs by maisonLAB, a white wing chair by Ikea and white dining chairs by Fermob.



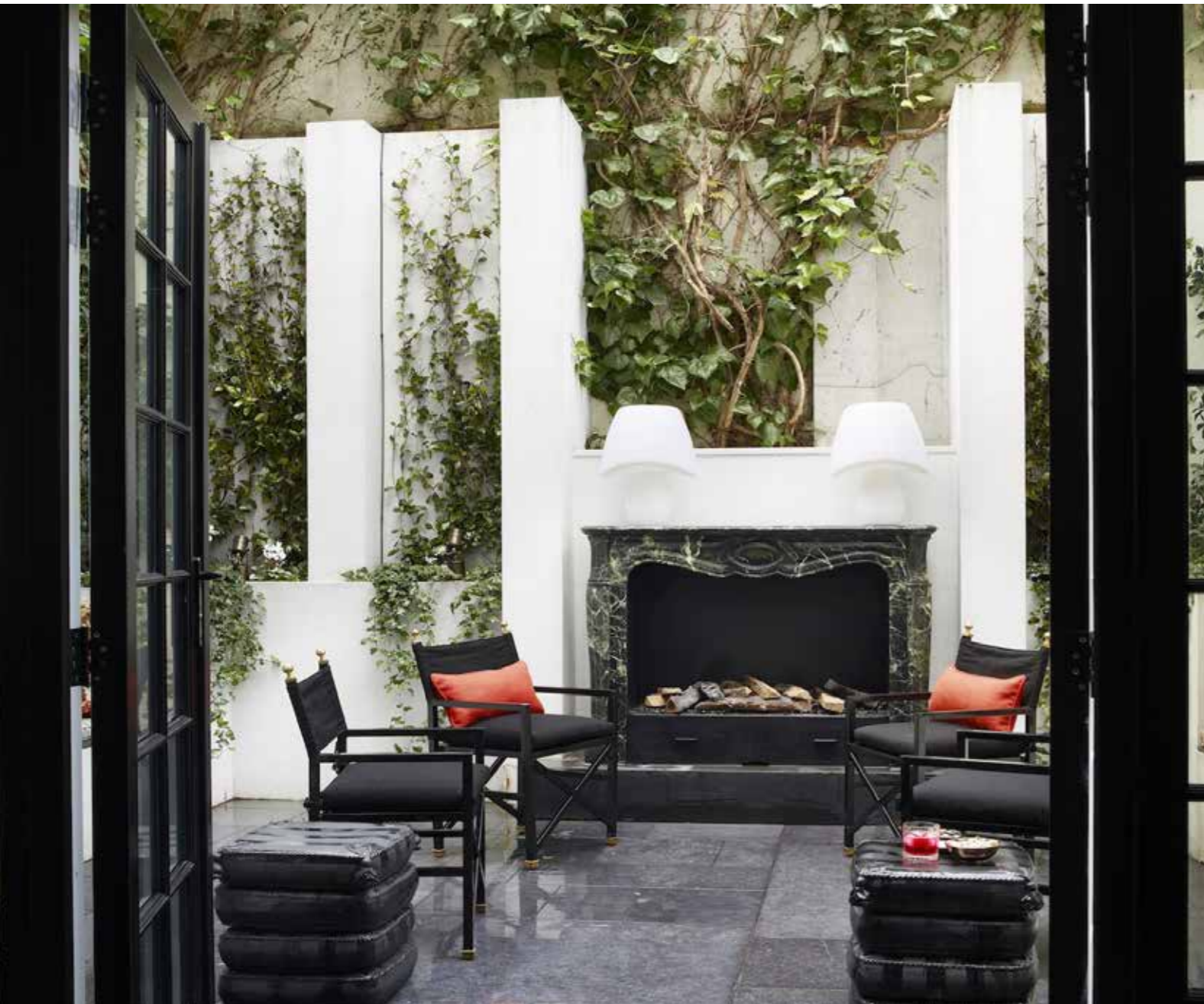
13 DELIGHTFUL SECLUDED PATIO

A table covered in a cloth by Pierre Frey and antique garden chairs from Provence, France furnish a cozy brick patio outside a home in Normandy.



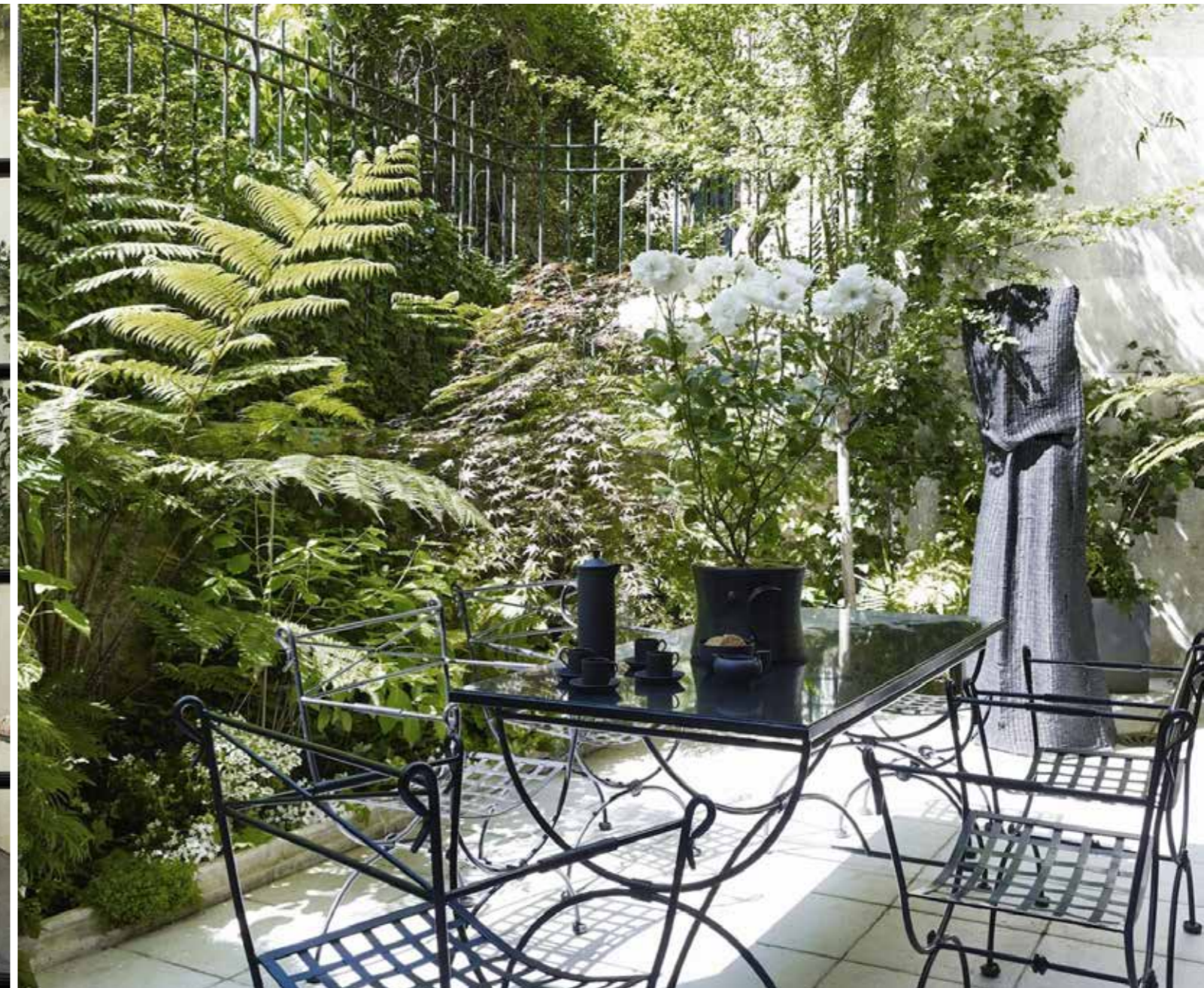
14 CHARMING PATIO

Tucked in Capri, an island in Naples, Italy, is a small charming patio decorated with sleek white armchairs and a table by Gervasoni.



15 BELGIAN BLUESTONE PATIO

A London homeowner salvaged a marble fireplace that was originally from the drawing room to place outside in the patio area. The lamps above the fireplace are by José Ignacio Ballester and the flooring is Belgian bluestone.



16 CLASSIC BACKYARD PATIO

Simple black mid-20th-century steel furniture and a sculpture by Odile de Frayssinet sit in a backyard patio leading to a beautiful green garden in a home in Paris.



17 STYLISH WHITE PATIO

The white chaise longues and matching umbrella by Barlow Tyrie reflect the stylish aesthetic of a Ralph Lauren executive who retreats to this Hamptons, New York vacation home.



18 SERENE PATIO STRUCTURE

A lounge chair and a small daybed by Van Keppel-Green, covered in pillows by Gregory Parkinson, create a laid-back atmosphere on a small patio outside of a Los Angeles home.



19 SMALL HIDDEN PATIO

Nestled outside a home in Marrakech, Morocco is a small patio designed for peace and tranquility. The swing by the garden and the table were designed by Samuel Dowe-Sandes, founder of Popham Design, and the vintage chairs with red cushions are by Harry Bertoia.

20 BLUE AND WHITE POOLSIDE PATIO

Designer Sig Bergamin designed his poolside patio with comfort in mind by including a seating area paired with upholstered cushions (of his own design) mixed with other blue and white striped fabrics.



21 ELEGANT PATIO DECOR

A custom-made seating area is covered in cushions encased in a dark gray Perennials fabric on a patio at a home in Alys Beach, Florida. The teak lounge chairs are by Henry Hall Designs and the Spanish hanging lanterns were found in Belgium.



22 ANTIQUE LIMESTONE PAVERS PATIO

Vintage Michael Taylor wicker chairs with cushions that are covered in a striped Perennials fabric sit on a small patio in a Bel-Air home. The 19th century cast-iron table is American and the floor is antique limestone pavers.



23 LUNCH ON THE PATIO

A small wooden patio in Paris is a lunch time getaway decorated with lanterns by Casamidy, a table covered with a fabric brought back from Tanzania and chairs by Alinea.



24 BRICK ROMAN PATIO

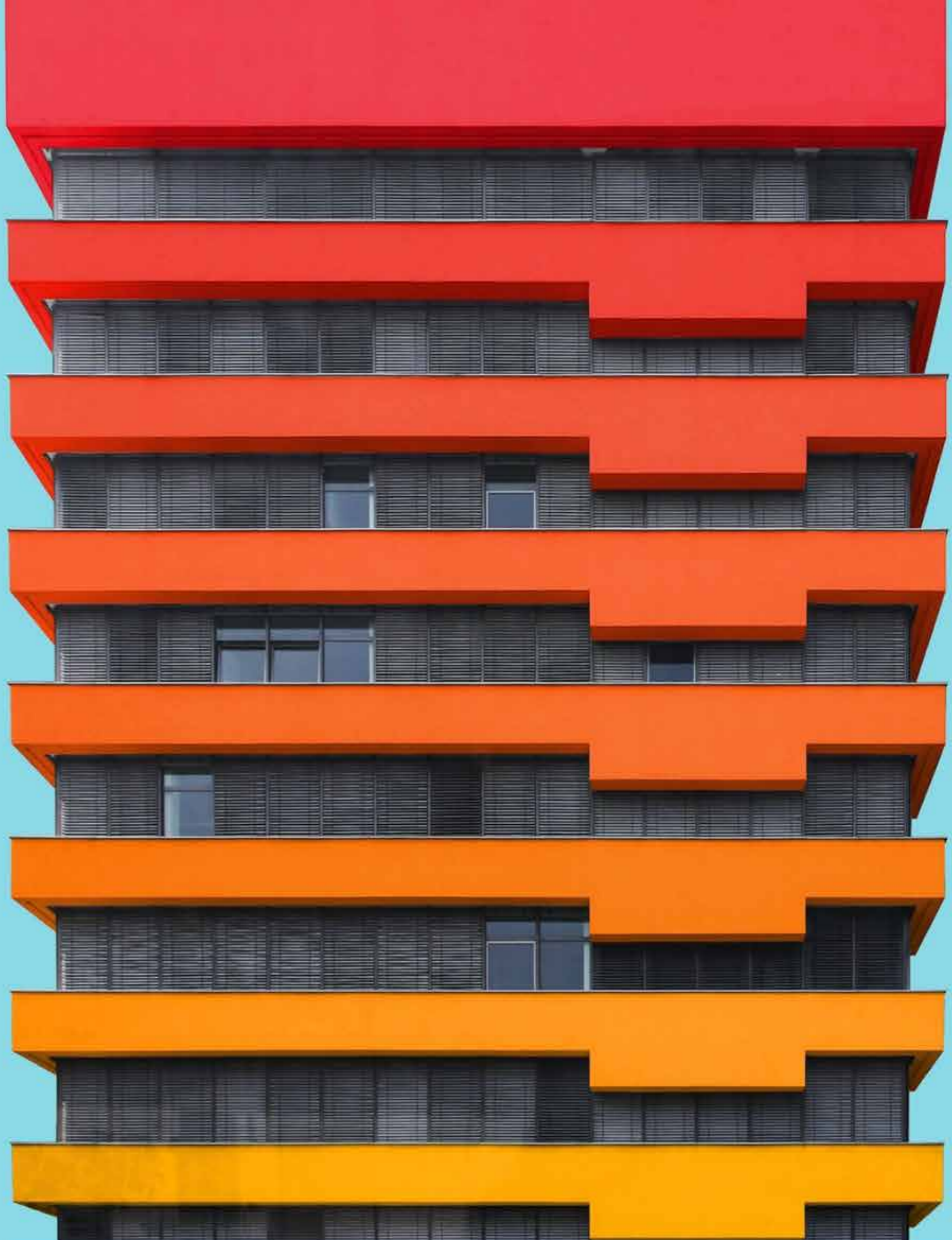
Pots of thyme, rosemary and a pomegranate tree sit on a small brick patio outside a Roman house with a view of St. Peter's Basilica. The wicker chaise longue and chair are by Manutti.

A Berlin
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With Colorful

**Are modern architects
focusing too much
on the shape of their
buildings, and not
enough on the shade?**



An office block, circa 1974, in Berlin, Germany.



Berlin may be home to 440 galleries and about 10,000 international artists, but like many other cities, the majority of its buildings follow a particular color scheme: brown, gray and white – and then some more gray.

Photographer and architecture student Paul Eis, a native of Berlin, decided it was time to shake up his city with a bit of color. He takes photos of both famous and everyday architecture, only to go home and saturate the buildings with shades of pink, orange, blue, yellow and practically every other color in the spectrum. In his work, mundane brown towers turn to rainbow-splashed delights, gray apartment buildings get outfitted with radiant yellow balconies and everyday architecture, as a whole, gets far more playful.

*The Marco-Polo-Tower,
circa 2010, in Hamburg,
Germany.*

"Cities in Germany or Austria, where my images are mainly from, are full of modern architecture," Eis writes on his blog. "But those buildings are often just characterized by shape and held in a monotonous white or gray. The result is a not very interesting cityscape with a lack of color."

Eis has a valid point: Has the attention in architecture turned so starkly toward achieving modern form that color has been forgotten? Perhaps if a building's shade was considered as highly as its shape, we'd see far more colorful cities around the world. (Granted, this idea does appeal to color lovers in particular – minimalists may see colorless modern buildings not as drab, but as understated in an appealing way).



*The Shell-Haus,
circa 1932, in Berlin,
Germany.*

However, the project's ideology goes beyond high-end, modern buildings or famous landmarks. Eis also pursued the project to shed light on housing developments where design is barely considered.

"It should criticize the often very boring housing estates growing everywhere in the cities where the developers

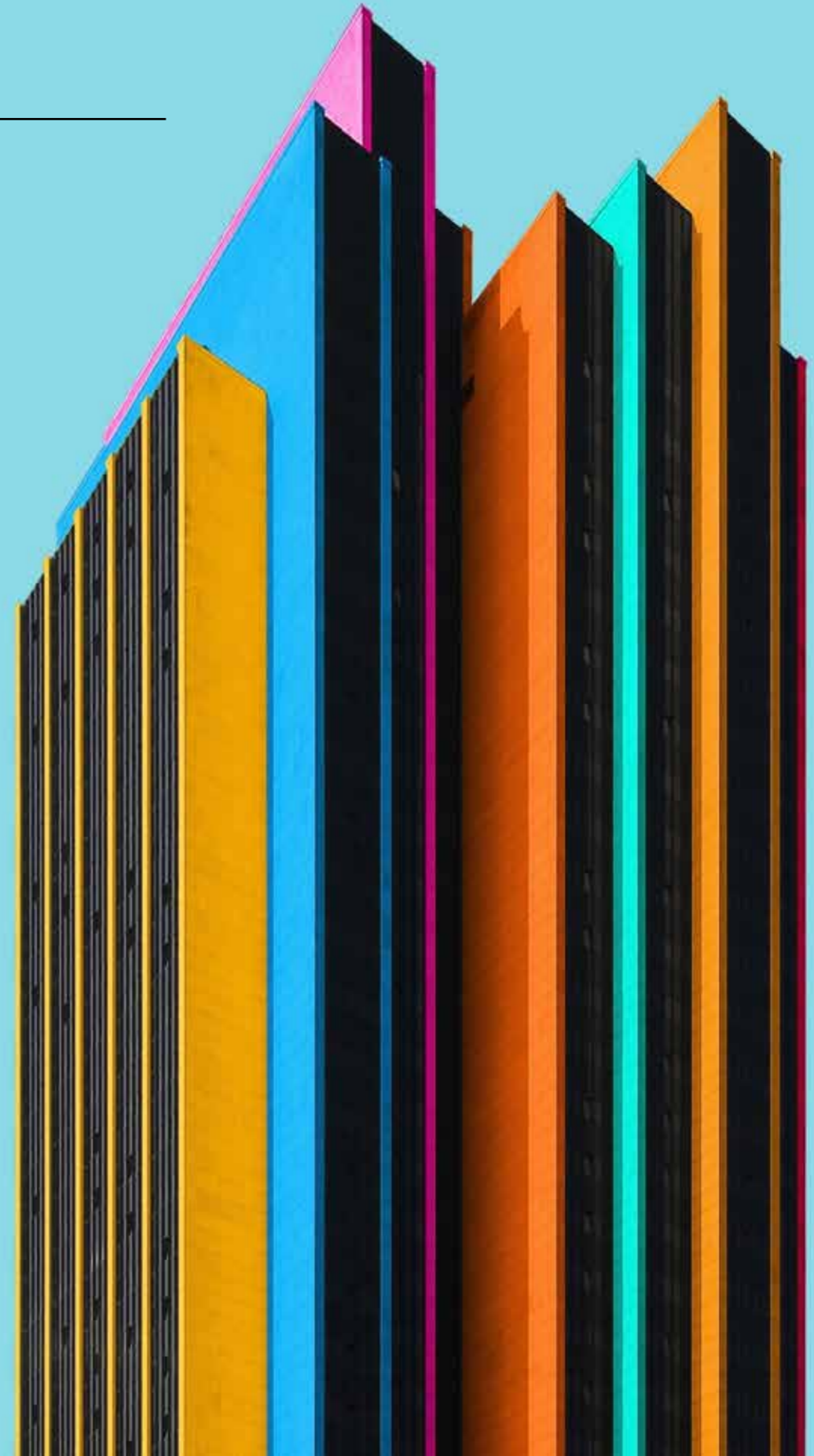
take little interest in design," he writes.

If your heart beats for color, swipe up to see more reimagined photos that will delight your eyes. It may just make you feel as though you've been living in black and white — until now.



*A residential high-
rise, circa 1971,
in East Berlin,
Germany.*

*The Radisson blu Hotel, circa 1973,
in Hamburg, Germany.*



15 Best Kitchen

BACKSPLASH TILE IDEAS TO INSPIRE YOUR NEXT REMODEL

Although countertops garner much of the attention when it comes to kitchen design (given their prominent placement in the room), the backsplash is not to be overlooked. Go for tile – in a classic glass or ceramic finish – for a look that is at once simple and timeless, or opt for pattern tiles in a bold hue if you're looking to make a statement. Either way, you can't go wrong with the ideas we've rounded up here.





SIMPLE WHITE TILE

A small galley-style kitchen in Monaco, France features square white tiles that play off of the other geometric elements in the room. The small table and chairs are by Jeanneret, the oven, cooktop and hood are by Aster Cucine.



A warm gray palette is perfectly executed in this New York City kitchen clad in Calacatta gold marble and Walker Zanger tiles. The sink fittings are by Waterworks and the cabinetry is painted in Stonington Gray by Benjamin Moore.

WALLS OF GRAY TILE



OLIVE GREEN TILED KITCHEN

Holiday decor lends a cheerful ambience to this guest lodge kitchen in the Montana mountains. The olive green backsplash tiles are by Pewabic Pottery, the kitchen range and hood are by Thermador and the pendant lights are by Niche.



CLASSIC PORTUGUESE TILES

This charming kitchen in St. Moritz, Switzerland is filled with history: 18th-century Portuguese tiles cover the ceiling and walls; the 19th-century French table is surrounded by English chairs from the same era and a 19th-century French light fixture hangs above.



LIME GREEN AND WHITE

White tiled walls balance out vibrant kitchen cabinets, which are painted in Bright Lime by Benjamin Moore in this Manhattan kitchen. The countertops are stainless steel and the sink is by Franke.



The kitchen in this New York Hudson Valley home has a vent hood and wine refrigerator by GE Monogram, the mahogany dining chairs are from the 1940's and the copper cookware includes antique and vintage items.

WHITE, OFF-WHITE AND COPPER



PATTERNED TILES

Beautifully patterned tiles by Neisha Crosland covers the walls in this London townhouse kitchen and allow the cabinetry, painted in Pure Grey 6 by Papers and Paints, to pop. The pendant lights are by Serge Mouille and the floor is made of three types of limestone.



The homeowners kept the original tile backsplash and flooring in the kitchen of this Loire Valley home. English mahogany chairs and a stylish chandelier, which was found at a flea market, give the space a lived-in feel.

ORIGINAL TILING



WHITE ON WHITE

This bright and airy kitchen in a cottage in Connecticut keeps it classic with wall tiles from Waterworks, a stainless steel stove by Viking, stools by York Street Studio and 1920s English pendants by BK Antiques.



CRISP WHITE

This glossy white kitchen in a Manhattan apartment is balanced by the cork flooring and 1940s French, red garden chairs. The range is by Viking and the dishwasher is by Asko.



SUBWAY TILES

The bright white walls in this open New Jersey kitchen are covered in subway tiles by American Olean. The vintage pendants were found at a Paris flea market. The bistro chairs are by Maison Gatti, the refrigerator is by Sub-Zero and the range is by Wolf.



INDUSTRIAL STYLE TILES

A modish New York kitchen integrates custom-made cabinetry and vintage hardware alongside large white tiles. The 1950s scones are by Gunnar Asplund, the light fixtures are from the 1970s. The sink fittings are by Dornbracht.



PENNY TILES

The custom redwood cabinetry in this Los Angeles kitchen compliments the backsplash of penny tiles by Mission Tiles. The oven and dishwasher are by Miele and the sink fittings are by Vola.



Gray tiles blend in with the stainless steel appliances in this modern New York City kitchen decorated with touches of silver and white. The floors are lined with Corten steel tiles, the oven is by Wolf and the stools are from the 1940s.

SILVER AND WHITE



SPANISH TILES

This open kitchen in Melbourne, Australia features handmade Spanish tiles on its backsplash. The table is made of pepper granite, the pendant lights are by Produzione Privata, the stools are by Bassam Fellows and the oven is by Lacanche.

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