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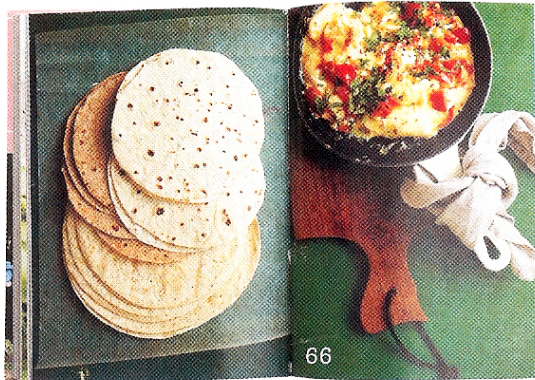
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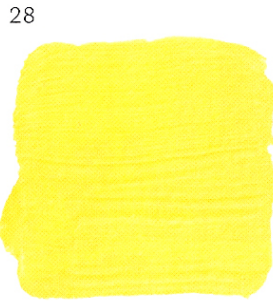
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I LOVE MY BED KISHANI PERERA



Glimmering and rocker-y glam, designer Kishani Perera's L.A. bedroom looks a lot like her wardrobe.

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YOUR DRESS TOTALLY MATCHES YOUR BEDROOM.

It's Marc by Marc Jacobs. He's edgy, kind of rocker-y. I'm definitely that girl. I also love Stella McCartney.

WHO'S YOUR DESIGN HERO?

Tony Duquette. He was wildly imaginative and just fearless—never afraid to go all the way. And so glam. He was also eclectic and worldly. Every house he did was a work of art.

DID HE INFLUENCE THIS ROOM?

Kind of, yeah! The gold, the sparkle, the global vibe.

THERE'S A HOLLYWOOD VIBE HERE, TOO.

Definitely. And several of my clients are actors.

CAN YOU SAY WHO?

Kate Bosworth. Molly Sims,

Christine Taylor, Gary Oldman. Josh Duhamel.

YOU REALLY DO HAVE A THING FOR GOLD.

Oh, I love it. I've always been into metallics. Maybe it has to do with my Sri Lankan roots. Women walk around there with beautiful gold bracelets going up their arms. I'm drawn to that vibrancy.

AND THOSE DARK GRAY WALLS PLAY IT UP.

I like gray a lot because you can play off it with so many colors. Plus, I find dark colors soothing and serene. There's an element of restraint with gray. But the room does get a bit outlandish with this headboard.

IT'S YOUR BIG TONY DUQUETTE MOMENT.

It's pressed tin, made in

Mexico. It came in a silvery finish but I gilded it. It's beautiful, but the spikes will jab you in the head!

DO YOU ALWAYS MIX AND MATCH YOUR BEDDING?

Yes, so it doesn't look as if I got it all on, like, page six of a catalog. My design philosophy in general is to mix everything up, like a DJ's mash-up.

WHAT'S THE LAST THING YOU DO BEFORE BED?

I'm on eBay or 1stdibs. Good inspiration to fall asleep with. I go to bed around three—I catch some weird TV like *The Nanny* for a few minutes and then I'm out.

DO YOU NEED COMPLETE DARKNESS TO SLEEP?

I do. I'm such a night person, and when the sun cracks in at dawn, I'm not happy.

I have layers and layers of blackout.

THAT'S A TINY TABLE. HOW DO YOU MAKE IT WORK?

I don't know. By piling things on it, I guess.

CAN YOU READ IN BED WITH THAT LANTERN?

No. It's just pretty. It gives off this glowy, diffused light.

WHAT'S IN THOSE FRAMES?

Photos of my two pugs, Bodie and Bob.

WHAT SIDE OF THE BED DO YOU SLEEP ON?

Kind of diagonal. Wherever my dogs end up, I contort around them. I want a king mattress one day, but with the dogs I'll probably still be in the corner!

MAKE THE BED...

Hacienda headboard: casamidy.com.

Duvet cover and striped pillows: dransfieldandross.biz.

Tempo Velvet Chocolate pillows: crateandbarrel.com.

Bedside table: ebay.com.

Vintage lantern: rubbishinteriors.com.

Pressed tin frames: anthropologie.com.

Wall color: Woodwitch, prattandlambert.com.