

THE AVOCET EDITION

AUTUMN 2025

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

A TASTE OF FRANCE

Our project spotlight this season takes its inspiration from Gigi Sireyjol-Horsley, Owner and Lead Designer of Paysage Home here in Wilmington.

This exquisite French design was a natural collaboration between homeowners, Gigi and Steve and Avocet Design Studio. Gigi has a natural sense of design and brings her innate French style to everything she touches.

We were looking for something bold and classic that would exemplify their Forest Hills home. To do so, we chose a beautiful combination of Benjamin Moore paint in the colors Stokes Forest Green that adorns the main cabinetry, and Sea Salt Green as our accent.



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Kitchens from the 1970s were generally small and compartmentalized, a design trend most often used during this time period. The design challenges that needed to be solved included proper ventilation for the large Viking gas range, a better flow for entertaining guests and a clever design plan to fit in completely modern kitchen appliances.



The paneled Viking refrigerator creates pleasing aesthetics, with custom panels matching the cabinetry for a seamless, built-in appearance.



The Viking double wall oven offers increased cooking capacity and flexibility allowing multiple dishes to be prepared at different temperatures simultaneously ensuring the entertainment of many friends and family.



We finished this highly stylized look with hand-patterned tile, *Angela Harris Florista Protea Leaves Mural*, that delivers the lavish feel of hand-painted wall paper, while ensuring the durability and easy maintenance tile offers.

Steve loves to cook delicious meals using a variety of seasonings. Chris strategized custom pull-out drawers to hold Steve's innumerable spice collection, as well as creating an intentional keeping place for informal meals.

Custom smoked glass mirrors were also added to some of the cabinetry enhancing the rich finishes.





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Landfall Foundation Art Show & Sale

The Landfall Foundation Art Show & Sale will be free and open to the public on September 17-19, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., but please consider joining us for a very special preview party to enjoy the first look and opportunity to purchase this year's artwork before the show formally opens. There will be 3D art exhibited for sale only at the opening preview and hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served.

Opening Preview Party Details

- Date/Time: September 16, 5-8-pm
- Location: Country Club of Landfall Nicklaus Clubhouse - 800 Sun Runner Place, Wilmington
- \$100 for an individual ticket
- \$500 Curator Supporter receives 2 tickets to the opening preview and recognition in the program.
- \$1000 Connoisseur Supporter receives 4 tickets to the opening preview and recognition in the program



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FRENCH HOME BY JOSEPHINE RYAN

This amazing find of superb French style is compiled by the Antiques Go-To, Josephine Ryan. It's an interesting compilation by three women; Ryan supplies the style and pieces, Hilary Robertson adds the language, and Claire Richardson lends her skill as a photographer. This book inspires with its look into the past and how to incorporate these styles into our own hearts and homes in the present.

The allure of this book lies in the emotions it stirs each time I open it. It's a feeling of wonder and fascination, transporting me to an understanding of what beautiful simplicity entails; a union of exquisite treasures from the past, enveloped in a colorful yet gentle palette, crafted in a uniquely French style. The text details the characteristics of each item and how they can be showcased and utilized. It explores every design element and room in a typical home, urging us to pursue uniqueness and highlight the minimalism inherent in truly beautiful objects.

It also houses a complete Source Directory including Fairs and Markets. The picture credits take you on a walking tour of France's homes where you can peek through the windows of the photographer's lense.

Business credits also share location and contact information for your own sourcing needs. Many thanks to Ryland, Peters and Small for publishing this eye candy.



“The French have a relaxed attitude when it comes to redecorating, best summed up by the phrase, “Benign Neglect”...a skillful mix of old and new.”

-French Home

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