

UPON ARRIVAL

A LASTING FIRST IMPRESSION FOR A HOME BEGINS IN THE FOYER. THREE DESIGNERS SHOW US IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DETAILS.

PLOT TWIST

When conceiving a decorative scheme for an entry, San Francisco designer Jay Jeffers achieves the element of surprise by leaving no surface untouched. "Never forget the ceiling. Lacquer it. Paint it. Even wallpaper it. I recently did a high-gloss Hermès-orange ceiling and it added such glamour."

DRAMA QUEEN

Hailing from Little Rock, Arkansas, designer Tobi Fairley may be well-versed in Southern charm, but her designs are anything but demure. "The foyer is your first chance to make an impact. I like to add drama by using an overscale wallpaper motif, a bold paint color or a statement piece such as an eye-catching chandelier or dramatic, oversize accessories."

PALATE PLEASER

A well-done entry should present a taste of the home's overall flavor. At the same time, New York and Chicago-based designer Kara Mann also believes it needs to be carefully edited and inviting. "It's the space where you greet guests and therefore should be comfortable and engaging, with attractive objects like beautiful art or an interesting mirror as part of the mix. Using table lamps on a console is a warm way to welcome others into your home."

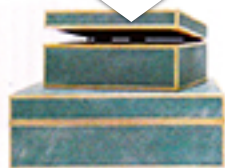


Interior design and styling by Jay Jeffers

“ I tend to treat a foyer like a little jewel box ornamented with special details—a beautiful material for the floors, an extraordinary rug, a lovely vase bursting with fresh flowers. ”

JAY JEFFERS, JEFFERS DESIGN GROUP

COOPER



Vivid aqua and contrasting wood trim turns functional storage into a showpiece. Cooper Faux Shagreen Box Set Trimmed in Wood, \$169; madegoods.com



For an extra warm welcome, choose a chandelier with a sunny disposition. The Rathesay Lantern in Daffodil, \$3,900; tobifairleyhome.com



A pretty perch for handbags and beyond, this classic silhouette gets a glamorous makeover with white gold gilt over iron. X Bench, \$2,900; downtown20.net



Special accents, like a handblown bubble vase, truly transform a vignette. The Flared Bulb Mini Bubble Vase, price on request; siemonandsalazar.com