HOW ONE DESIGNER LOVINGLY PRESERVED A 1920S L.A. MANSION

Cliff Fong updated a Mediterranean-style home in Hancock Park, setting the stage for gutsy art and iconic modernist furniture.

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Style, according to Cliff Fong, is about possessing a singular sensibility. Having worked in fashion in a former life, the Los Angeles–based interior designer, who operates under the firm name Matt Black, takes an approach informed by the personal style of fashion icons: "They’re never head-to-toe in Saint Laurent," Fong says. "You have to be able to work with the client, and that means understanding who they are and what they enjoy."
HOMEOWNER Sonya Roth, wearing a dress by the Great and Gucci heels, relaxes with her children (from left) Henry, Colette, and Anabel. The garden chairs are vintage, and the Nagasaki chairs are by Mathieu Matégot. The floor tile is by Granada Tile, the pendant is original, and the painting is by Sam Durant. William Abranowicz