

# THE BEST

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Artist and creative mind  
Kate Schelter at work in  
her new bedroom on Cape  
Cod. [kateschelter.com](http://kateschelter.com)

*buzz*

## A Carefree Hand

Here's a new mantra for your walls: Loosen up. Today's rooms are sporting easygoing florals and freehand artistry—repeats and rigidity be damned. Harkening back to the days when artists and aesthetes weren't bound by the canvas, hand-drawn motifs on walls are again all the buzz. Turn the page for more. >>





## Our Favorite Wallflower

*It was a welcome moment when a batch of beautifully uninhibited flowers took over our Instagram feed. We tracked it back to @kateschelter, who used her brush and Dorothy Draper-meets-Bloomsbury sensibility to revive the San Vicente Bungalows in Los Angeles. Now she's taking her kit of Farrow & Ball paints and flower pics to her new home. "So many white walls!" she says. Not for long.*

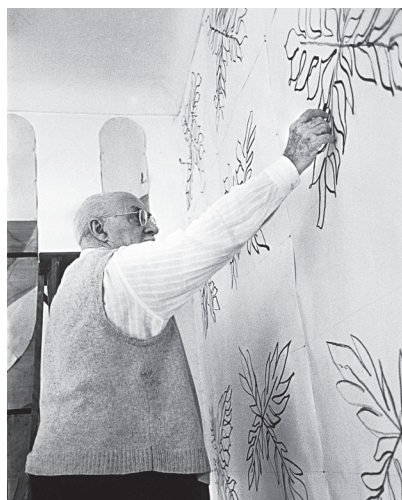
## A Look Back

*The wall has been a canvas for self-expression since the very beginning.*



### Akrotiri Frescoes

On the Greek isle of Santorini, the series of ancient, multicolored plaster paintings preserved by volcanic ash is truly timeless.



### The Matisse Chapel

The artist sketching murals for what he called his greatest masterpiece, a church in the South of France.

30,000  
B.C.



### Chauvet Cave

An expressive, figurative prehistoric painting of horses in southern France.

1659  
B.C.



1920s

### Charleston Farmhouse

In the English country home of the Bloomsbury Group, every inch is adorned with abandon—and paint. See it in person: [charleston.org.uk](http://charleston.org.uk).

1940s

1950s



### Villa Santo Sospir

Renaissance man Jean Cocteau moved into a friend's villa on the French Riviera and then turned it into a full-on installation.





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## Let's Hang

Can't host an artist-in-residence? These mural-style wallcoverings range from bespoke to grab-and-go.



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**1. CAPRIFOGLIO**  
In Ecru. Available through a designer. [designersguild.com](http://designersguild.com)

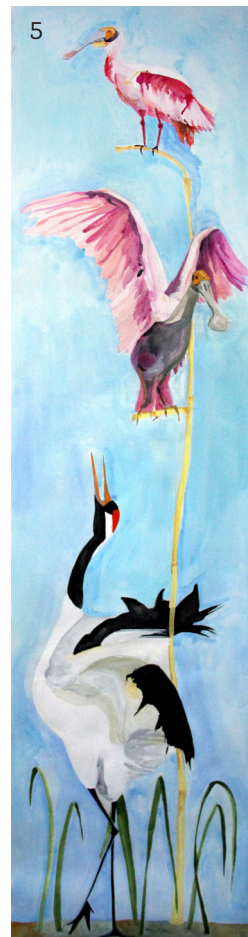
**2. SOTTOBOSCO**  
In Blue. \$161 per sq. yd. [wallanddeco.com](http://wallanddeco.com)

**3. GEORGIA**  
In Desert. \$324 for 10 panels. [yorkwall.com](http://yorkwall.com)

**4. GREAT MEADOW MURAL**  
\$548 for eight panels. [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com)



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**5. HAND-PAINTED-BIRDS WALLPAPER**  
From \$500 per panel. [voutsas.com](http://voutsas.com)

## ONE DESIGNER'S TAKE

*"Murals can work wonders! They're solutions for tricky spaces and funny angles. And you can use one to tie together all the colors in a project."* —Molly Luetkemeyer

Luetkemeyer's L.A. dining room riffs on Henri Rousseau's jungle series.

