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## chassie post

domino's contributing style editor and our frequent TV correspondent transformed her boxy Manhattan loft into an exuberant butterfly den for her young family.

**What gave you the idea?** My childhood friend [interior designer] Miles Redd suggested I paint the walls of my first New York apartment Tiffany blue. I loved how bright, bold colors changed my mood and realized that if you let your walls take top billing, you can get away with thrift-store furniture and hand-me-downs. This time, I rolled the dice with wallpaper. The giant butterfly on the wall looks like a kid's science project. Someone left it on the street, and I nabbed it.

**How did you want this place to feel?** Like a grandmother just moved out, and I arrived with a few modern pieces.

**Any cautionary tales?** If you are using a small pattern, consider the background carefully, because that dominates. The white behind the butterflies is calming—purple would have really changed the feeling.

**WALLPAPER** "Birds & Butterflies" \$100/roll, F. Schumacher & Co. (800) 523-1200 for information **ARMCHAIRS** (similar to shown) "Carlton" \$2,020 each, and **SIDEBOARD** (similar to shown) "Wilson" \$3,260 drexelheritage.com for stores **SOFA FABRIC** (similar to shown) "Cotillion Stripe" in Cadet \$25.99/yd, calicocorners.com for stores **SILHOUETTE PILLOWS** (similar to shown) Custom 18" \$40 each, simplysilhouettes.com **LOVE SEAT** (similar to shown) "Ben" from \$1,350 mgandbw.com for stores **GREEK-KEY PILLOW** (on love seat, right) \$165 jonathanadler.com **BLINDS** Custom 2" wood, prices vary, manhattanshade.com for information **RUG** 6' x 9' \$775 Madeline Weinrib Atelier (212) 473-3000 ext. 780 **CEILING AND FLOOR PAINT** (similar to shown) Caribbean Breeze #652, benjaminmoore.com for stores



The wallpaper camouflages Chassie Post's row of plain slab closet doors and the storage nooks above.



Painting the floor and ceiling (save the white beams) robin's-egg blue unites the space and quiets the flutter.



Large-scale artwork looks best on busy wallpaper—smaller pieces would have gotten lost in the butterflies.