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In Franceski's own home (counterclockwise from opposite, top), a feminine bedroom is offset by unconventional artwork, an edgy addition to the otherwise luxe space; a dynamic abstract painting and Aubusson-style area rug add vibrancy to the neutrally hued living room; an acrylic console is paired with a velvet pouf and framed Marimekko fabric; and tranquil blues and greens adorn the guest room with a canopied Niermann Weeks day bed. Franceski's sitting room in the 2010 DC Design House (this page, top) offered a picturesque grouping of cantilever chairs and a silk-tufted loveseat.

INTERIOR DESIGN

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While growing up minutes from the nation's capital, Barbara Franceski was strongly encouraged to appreciate the arts. From classes in calligraphy at the Smithsonian to making pinhole cameras in Glen Echo Park, her experiences fueled her creativity. After receiving a bachelor of fine arts degree in interior design from James Madison University, she traveled widely, developing a European sensibility that has subsequently informed her interior design philosophy. "In my work, color palettes are well-conceived," she explains, "and I love to play with scale, mixing design periods and patterns."

Franceski feels it's her ability to combine, edit and refine that sets her apart, bringing sophistication and originality to her interiors. She utilizes one-of-a-kind objects and art against a backdrop of modern and traditional furnishings. "Thoughtful customization is my hallmark," she says. "I create enchanting spaces that seem perfectly at ease within their environment."

Franceski was named top Up And Coming Interior Designer in *Home & Design*'s 2011 Designers' Choice Awards, and was recently a nominee for The Washington Design Center's "Ones to Watch" award. She also was selected to participate in the 2010 DC Design House, benefiting Children's National Medical Center.

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