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The Lisa Lala painting above the fireplace tells the color story for the Brandmeyers' Lake Quivira home.

MATT AND JESSICA BRANDMEYER GREW UP IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA, MET AS YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, AND LIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO BEFORE MOVING BACK HOME TO START THEIR FAMILY. The couple bought a Lake Quivira house built in 1952. When a leaky roof forced them to remodel, "we did the whole beige thing," says Jessica—wood tones, granite countertops, and white on white. With the arrival of their two young children, Lucy (2) and Ben (1), the Brandmeyers wanted to break out of their neutral shell and create a child-friendly but up-tempo home. "I realized I needed someone to bring me out of my box," says Jessica

Enter Kelee Katillac, a designer whose mission is to help her clients "find meaning behind the stuff." She starts the process by asking questions like "What do you want more of in your life?" For the Brandmeyers, the answers were easy. Jessica wanted more of a peaceful yet exotic Eastern feeling, Matt more rustic, guys-watching-