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DESIGNING WOMAN

When Jillian Barberie browsed the eclectic pieces at Janette Mallory Home Furnishings and Interior Designs in Tarzana, she discovered the missing link to making her house a home: interior designer Janette Mallory. Sure, it took great skill to turn her new client's patio into a Moroccan den of Zen and the bedroom into a beach-y oasis. But it's the small touches that really set Mallory apart: a piece of blue coral on the nightstand to add some spunk to Barberie's seashell collection; jeweled tiebacks to dress up the silk curtains; and elegant Venetian glass candelabras to complete the dining room. So how much does a Mallory home makeover run? Although she worked on the Westside for years, the design guru promises very un-Westside prices: "I don't mark my stuff up like five times!" Just don't be surprised if she's booked. Barberie has big plans for the guest bathroom... —/S



family), so when I finally found them, it was like closure. It's been the best thing to ever happen to me, period. I know I'm so lucky to have them."

The Montreal native flew both of her families down for their first Christmas together as one big, happy, blended family. She reminisces, "I'm so L.A. They freaked out. They were like, 'Are we going to decorate?' I said, 'Oh, yeah, but I have a guy, Dr. Christmas. He comes over for five hours. We come back, and it will be decorated.' They were like, 'But that takes out all of the fun.' I said, 'Exactly!'"

Maybe Barberie would rather leave the Christmas tree trimming to a professional, but when it comes to decorating her own home, she enjoys helping out her designer, Janette Mallory. "I have a really good eye, and I love to decorate," the "glue-gun queen" boasts. The savvy shopper favors flea-market finds and indulges her artsy side in the guesthouse. While her modern Jackson Pollock-influenced paintings remain in the converted garage, one of her seashell-encrusted mirrors hangs in her favorite room—the bedroom. In fact, after Mallory added tortoise-shell blinds, a seagrass Madagascar area rug, and blue Chinese pots to the sunny bedchamber, Barberie loves it so much that she now calls it "the hotel."

Prior to moving here, Barberie, who was living by the ocean, had serious reservations about heading inland. "I didn't want to necessarily move to the Valley, but now I would never move back to the beach," she says. "I love the Valley. I love the feeling of the heat in the summertime. The people are real, and I also like that it's secluded. I don't want to live in West L.A., where it's the hip, happening place."

The wisdom of her decision was confirmed when she discovered how close she was to Calabasas, which has become her favorite city. "That's where I do everything," she says. "I love



The back patio "is where I come to relax and chill out," says Barberie. The plants were chosen and arranged by interior designer Janette Mallory's husband, landscape architect Larry Tabeling of Live Art Plantscapes. The reclining Buddha statue behind her "is a reminder of relaxation and peacefulness. It's a grounding thing, and I love it."