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## Newport's Influencers

10 GAME-CHANGERS  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### BACK TO NATURE

STUDENTS THRIVE AT  
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NATURE CENTER

### MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING  
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### A STYLISH SEASON

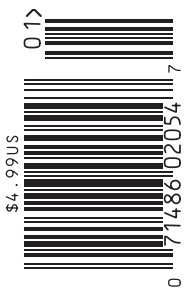
HOLIDAY DRESSES  
FOR EVERY OCCASION



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## GLOBALLY INSPIRED

A Corona del Mar den is transformed into an intimate and familiar space.

BY SOMER TEJWANI

**BRITTANY STILES SPENT SUMMERS GROWING UP AT THE BEACH—NOT AT A** Parisian flea market or choosing new drapes with her mother like the stories you hear from so many other emerging designers. In fact, she didn't start her own personal journey of discovering design and her aesthetic until college. But since then, the Newport local hasn't looked back. "I have come to truly appreciate how much better life is when it is beautifully designed," she says.

Now at the helm of her own eponymous design company, Brittany works with clients throughout Newport Beach to create everything from tablescapes and kitchens to small retail. She notes that a just-completed project she did for a couple in Corona del Mar—a den space that needed reimagining—was unique even for her, in that the well-traveled clients wanted ethnic design touches to remind them of their journeys.

"We accomplished this with traditional wood paneling that we painted gray and infused rugs and textiles to the space to add pattern, color and texture," Brittany says. The result is a space that is intimate, welcoming and familiar. A little designer luck also helped with the redecorating as subtle details that were already present in the room, like the window and fireplace, also make the space feel much larger and warmer than it is.

With Brittany's carefully curated additions—like a pair of brass wall sconces and shelving for functionality; an oil painting of sentimental value; and a mix of vintage African pillows, Indonesian-inspired ikat print and a Turkish rug—the design brings the exotic journeys back home. **NBM**

Choose art that has meaning or sentimental value. Brittany adds that every home needs at least one great ocean scene.

Leather sofas never go out of style and create a classic backdrop for other festive textiles.



Transform traditional neutral walls with color; changing the white wood paneling here to a blue-gray hue accomplished a more sophisticated library aesthetic.

Cover a fireplace in contemporary limestone brick to blend with the color of wood-paneled walls, while still adding a little contrast.

Textiles can add depth to a room—don't be afraid to mix colors and patterns within a theme, such as these vintage African pillows, Indonesian-inspired ikat prints and Turkish rugs.