



GIVE ME SHELTER At the scene of the 7x7 Designers Challenge, this is the living-room set of Gabriella Sarlo's take on old Hollywood glamour.

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THIS IS SAN FRANCISCO's first-ever Designers Challenge.

I was impressed by how seriously the designers took their task—and by how differently each person worked. Tyler Dawson went so far as to hire her own decorative painter, wallpaper hanger and art installer; Janelle Loevner knew exactly what she wanted (though her white-leather sectional was almost too big for the set—she did a quick rejigger and everything fit into place). Gabriella Sarlo mapped the furniture out on her computer before she even stepped foot in the studio. All of which proved that the artistic process can be very different, even if the results are similarly impressive.

One final note: You can't tell from the photos, but it was freezing cold in the studio. We shot the sets with natural light and had to open the garage door to do so—in February. The designers might be smiling like champs, but truly, they were chilled to the bone.

Now, this is the part where you come in. Make sure that the designers' efforts weren't for naught: Go to 7x7.com to place your vote for the room you like best. Voting gets you in the running to score a free consultation with the winning designer. And don't miss the 7x7.com behind-the-scenes video with Leilani leading the way. I think she might have a new career, as a comedian.

Enjoy the issue!

Heather

—Heather Luplow Hartle,
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On My List:



Bardessono, Yountville's newest hotel, spa and restaurant, effortlessly infuses modern design and luxury with such green elements as solar energy and refurbished materials. bardessono.com



On April 17, catch a sneak preview of this year's **Discarded to Divine** couture creations at the de Young. discardedtodivine.org



Crafted from remnant upholstery fabric, the limited-edition **Verona tote** (\$25) from JP Monkey is both stylish and sturdy. jpmonkey.com



Up on Howell Mountain, the beautiful **Cade winery** is an innovative new LEED-certified winery owned by PlumpJack. Private tours are now available; so are its four delicious wines. cadewinery.com



Made of diamonds and recycled, hammered 14K gold, this **teardrop pendant** from SF-based Yael Designs (\$3,150) attests that old can definitely be new again. yaeldesigns.com