

# CONTEMPORARY QUARTERS

944 CLIMBS INTO THE INTERIORS OF FOUR  
INSPIRING ANGELENOS' HOMES

by **LINDSEY ADAMS**

**Name:** Sven Altmetz

**Occupation:** Co-founder in the COMUNE (men's apparel brand), furniture builder, co-founder of ZENO supper club, amateur hand model, plus a little of this and a little of that.

**Location:** Venice, California

**The home's history:** Old automotive garage turned live/work/creative/event/break dance studio space.

**Years lived in:** One year, going on 10 in the making.

**My style:** I like to mix the clean contemporary lines with a handcrafted rustic twist.

**Inspiration:** Seeing change and making it a part of your daily life.

**Favorite element:** Driving my motorcycle into my living room.

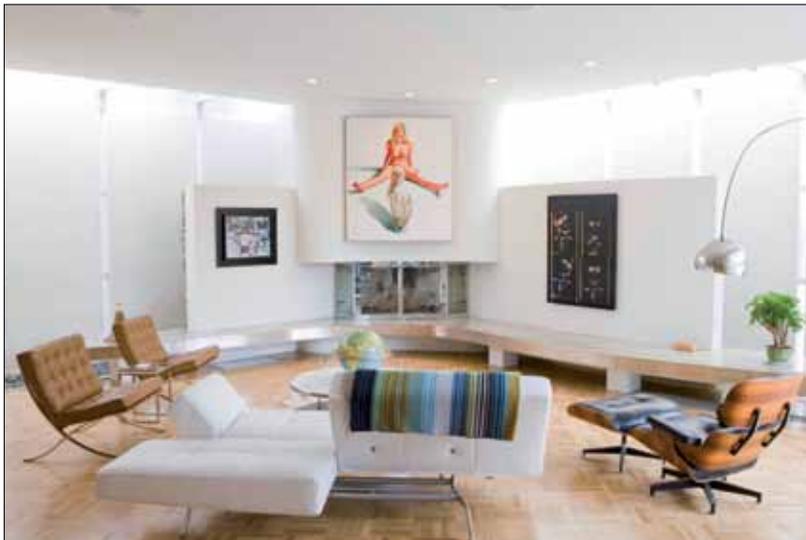
**Biggest challenge:** Staying warm.

**Favorite resources:** Swap meets, yard sales and dumpsters.

**Biggest indulgence:** Spreading Nutella on top of chocolate and sharing my time with friends.

**Favorite room:** The entire place is the same room, so my favorite would have to be the outdoor shower.





**Name:** Niels Marc Kantor

**Occupation:** Art Dealer

**Location:** Beverly Hills, California

**The home's history:** Mid-century home designed by prominent mid-century architect Hal Levitt.

**Years lived in:** Twelve years.

**My style:** California Contemporary.

**Inspiration:** Art.

**Favorite element:** The open space and light.

**Biggest challenge:** Keeping to its original integrity.

**Favorite resources:** Orange, Gallery Half, Jason Arnold for Modern, Flee Markets.

**Biggest indulgence:** Art.

**Favorite room:** Kitchen.

**Color scheme:** Clean white.

**Name:** Tofer Chin

**Occupation:** Artist

**Location:** Los Angeles, California

**The home's history:** My home was remodeled about five years ago and is located in Thai Town.

**Years lived in:** Three.

**My/our style:** Mid-century modern, filled with paintings, photos, books, brushes, paper, pencils and lots of chairs.

**Inspiration:** Being practical. Seventy-five percent of my home is my studio, where I paint and make things. I'm forced to constantly clean and rearrange my place.

**Favorite element:** The abundance of natural light.

**Proudest DIY:** From the moment I stepped foot on the property, envisioning this place as a work/live space and successfully making it happen.

**Favorite resources:** Square One, Trader Joe's, Gelsons, Home Depot, Osh and Barnsdall Art Park.

**Favorite room:** My bedroom. In the summer, my front yard.

**Color scheme:** Lots of color, with black, white and earth tones.



**Name:** Tracy McMillan

**Occupation:** Memoirist and TV writer

**Location:** Los Angeles, California

**The home's history:** In 2005, my then-husband and I put in a bid on the house, but someone else got it. Just as well, because we split up soon after. In 2009, I saw it listed again, made an offer and got it. I guess it was meant to be mine.

**Years lived in:** Less than one.

**My style:** Eclectic. If you like every object in the room, it will all fit together somehow.

**Inspiration:** The view. It's like a work of art that is alive and constantly shifting.

**Favorite element:** My vaulted ceilings.

**Favorite resources:** I like second-hand stores. Vintage things have a story, and I love a good story.

**Biggest indulgence:** The baby grand.

**Favorite room:** I love my living room. The light, the space, the view: it's like a really comfortable, heated treehouse.

**Color scheme:** I like the variety of that comes from my books, photographs, paintings and personal objects.