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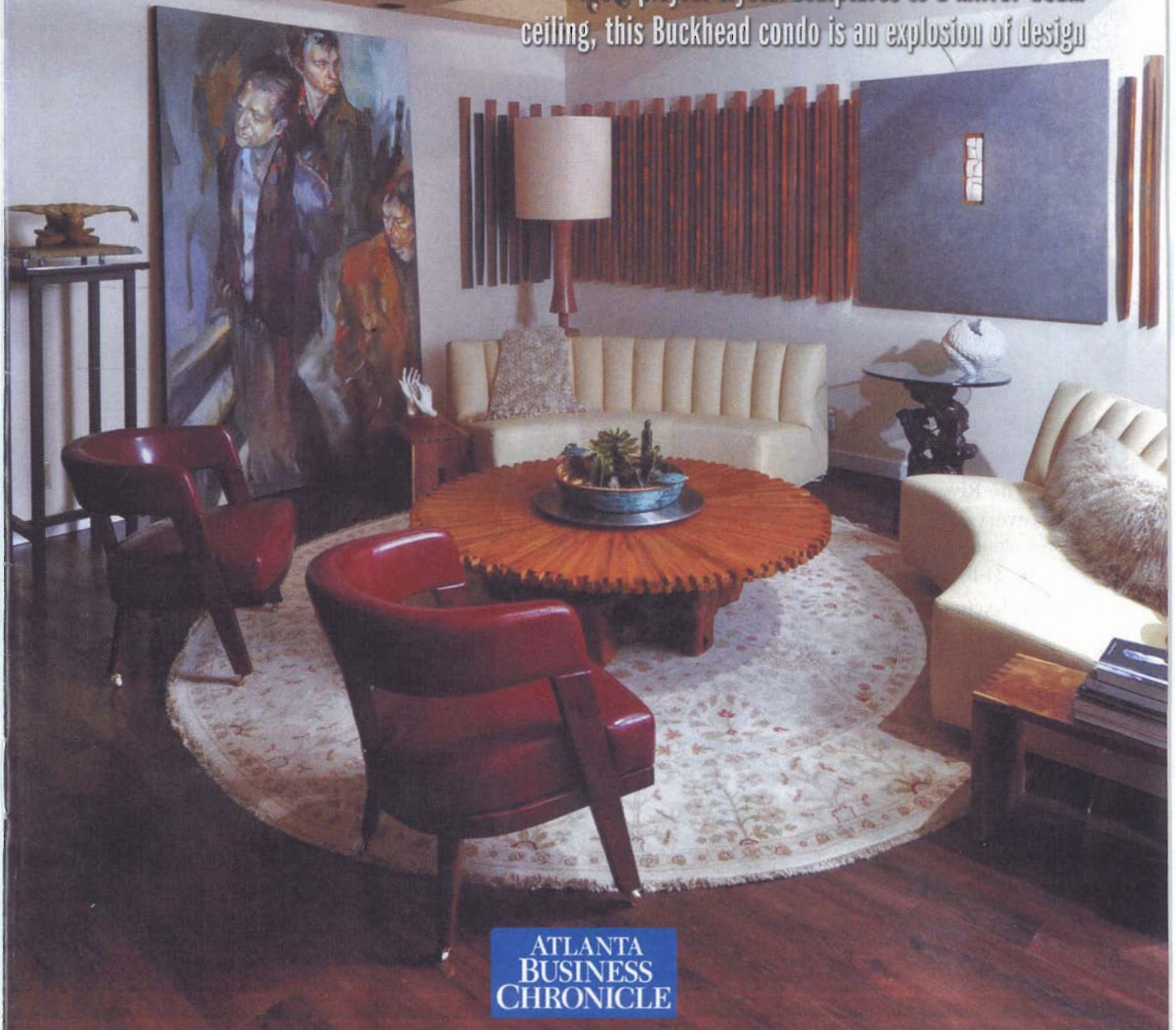
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Rustic glitz

with interior designer Sid Shier

From playful crystal sculptures to a mirror-beam ceiling, this Buckhead condo is an explosion of design



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HOME DECOR: From practical to lavish, these TV personalities tell you what you can't live without in 2011

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What's the coolest, hippest and most unique thing for the home today that people "must" have? The Metro Sac by Jaxx Sacs bean bags. It's more than a bean bag, it's a destination within my living room. This piece is super comfortable and it is filled with micro-foam, so it doesn't sink in like a typical bean bag and it's very functional.

What is "out" for homes now and what are people doing instead? Primer is out! Gone are the days of having to prime walls before painting over a dark paint color with a lighter color. Paint and primer all-in-one is the new "in" for painting. I personally love Behr Paint and primer in one.

Grays and blues are paint "must haves," in addition to paints that are tinted with a touch of your favorite colors. These paints make your room perk up without being boring or bland because they incorporate color in a gentle complementary fashion.

What is a practical home "must have" that most folks wouldn't think of? Most people totally overlook area rugs. Many people associate an area rug with an expensive investment. Area rugs are very affordable; you can get a 5-foot-by-8-foot area rug on any budget in almost any style. Area rugs can warm a space and unify areas while still maintaining separation between areas within the same room.

What would you buy for your home if price were no object? I would install concrete countertops in my kitchen and baths. Concrete is versatile and it can be molded into different shapes, providing for unique designs. With concrete countertops, undermount sinks are a thing of the past. You can have your sink, drain board, trivets and butcher block formed out of the concrete itself, and get wet walls and backsplashes in complementary colors and textures.

For more information on Tonya William's staging and décor services, visit or follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tonyamwilliams.tv.



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Tonya Williams, top, in her living room, filled with an area rug, bean bag chair and other favorite touches, above.

BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN

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"What's the coolest, hippest and most unique thing for the home today that people "must" have? The coolest thing to have in any home is pattern on the walls — either with wallpaper or backed fabric. Oftentimes, people are kind of scared of bold prints, mostly for commitment reasons. The trick is to vary how it's used throughout the

home; one room can be fully wallpapered, while others may simply sport a single boldly patterned throw pillow or graphic club chair.

What is "out" for homes now and what are people doing instead? That chocolate-brown-and-light-blue thing has been done to death. While it's classic and clean — enough already! Coral is going to start showing up everywhere next. It's gender-neutral, depending on what you pair it with. I did a vanity area pairing a coral-painted sink cabinet with brown-bronze geometric wallpaper. It actually looked rather masculine. Sticking coral with powder blue and white can evoke a more feminine feeling.

What is a practical home "must have" that most folks wouldn't think of? There are two practical must-haves I like to



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Brian Patrick Flynn is a fan of patterned walls, top, and mismatched chairs, above.

work into homes — especially for growing families. First up, mismatched chairs in the dining room. When things are too matchy, they just look impersonal and cold. I often purchase random flea market chairs for clients, then have them all painted the same color and upholstered in the same fabric. It creates something unique and sophisticated, which can be changed as your taste changes — without investing in all new pieces. Next up, walls of built-in storage. We all have tons of stuff that needs to be accessed daily, as well as cherished objects we want on display. Great built-ins in spaces in kid's rooms, media rooms and studios ensure a place for everything and everything in its place.

What would you buy for your home if price were no object? If price were no object, I'd purchase glass-front interior/exterior garage doors and install them spanning the entire rear of my house. Why? It would be so fun to watch birds smack into them all day. Just kidding! I'm a huge fan of outdoor entertaining; the glass-front doors instantly turn an entire house into a covered patio.

TRACY NAILOR

Atlanta pediatrician and aspiring chef who was a finalist on Fox's reality series "MasterChef"

What's the coolest, hippest and most unique thing for the home today that people "must" have? When I recently saw a kitchen with a wood-burning oven, I thought, now this is cool. Just as the hearth represents hospitality, comfort and family, the wood-burning oven evokes a similar emotion. Moreover, who doesn't love a wood-fired pizza? For those home cooks who want a professionally styled kitchen, this is the must-have item to round out your repertoire.

What is "out" for homes now and what are people doing instead? With our transitional economy in the U.S., a shift in the American psyche has been forced. No longer is bigger better. We must now do more with less. I believe this is reflected in our homes as well. Garish, huge pieces of furniture (massive entertainment systems and sectionals) are being replaced with

pieces that have significance, not because of their size, but because of their meaning.

What is a practical home "must have" that most folks wouldn't think of? What most folks do not think of is how to maximize their storage space to make it well-organized. Accessibility to our items is as important as having a space to place them. Again, because my focus is typically the kitchen, the practical must-have in my opinion are well-organized interior cabinets and drawers. From IKEA to SieMatic, there are myriad systems that make our kitchens efficient, well-organized and fully functional.

What would you buy for your home if price were no object? From solar panels to recyclable water systems, I would have a professional come in and make every aspect of my home completely eco-friendly. As a mother, I think I owe this to my son to do my small part to help the environment outside of simply dragging the recycling bin to the curb on trash day. While we take small steps now, I would love every aspect of our home to be completely environmentally friendly. **LIA**

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