



SUZANNE TUCKER

As San Francisco designer Suzanne Tucker points out, fireplaces are made for more than combating chilly temperatures. "A striking mantel can be a brilliant focal point in any room, adding strength and architectural interest," she says. Tucker teamed up with British fireplace manufacturer Chesney's to release four elegant new mantels, including the "Bellagio," which was inspired by her travels through France and Italy.



KERRY STEELE

If ever Charleston-based painter Kerry Steele has a case of creative gridlock, she takes her husband's advice: "Stop thinking and let your paintbrush dance. That's what he tells me," she says.

Wise counsel, it would appear. Steele's vibrant creations have caught the eye of design influentials such as Serena & Lily, who offer a sampling of her abstracts. As in *Coquette* (above), Steele captures active moments in nature "like a flower with fluttering petals," she says. —Krisa Rossbund

Artist Kerry Steele's abstract painting forms a colorful backdrop for an appealing vignette. Bernhardt "Quinn" oak dresser. Made Goods "Kingston" faux-shagreen lamp with Lucite base. Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams "Ouray" small wood sculpture. Lalique "Languedoc" crystal vase. York "Terra Mica" textured wallcovering.