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BRINGING LOCAL ART INTO THE HOME

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Filling your home with local art is easier than ever before, especially for people in North Georgia.

“It’s an amazing time we live in where original art is so accessible,” interior designer Maggie Griffin said. “Now, we don’t all have to have mass-produced art. We can have something that is original and handmade from someone right here.”

Griffin, who owns Maggie Griffin Design in Gainesville, gave some tips for how to pick out the best local art for your home.

“My advice is to shop before purchasing,” she said. “Take your time, and maybe visit multiple galleries or look online at inventory that gallery owners or art dealers may have so that you can better hone what it is you’re looking for.”

Eventually you’ll come to know what you like, she said.

“You’ll see what you’re drawn to and then you can start narrowing down what pieces best reflect the direction that you want to go.”

And while you should definitely follow your own taste, the art you select should also depend on the current style of your house.

LEFT: Art by New York artist Inslee (top) and Atlanta artist Sally King Benedict (bottom), through Julie Wynne Jones Art Consulting.

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TOP: Art by Gainesville’s Courtney Martin.

BOTTOM: Art by Atlanta artist Sally King Benedict, through Julie Wynne Jones Art Consulting.

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“When it comes to more traditional homes, it is a great balance to have a modern piece of art in a traditional setting. It brings a very current look that’s very stylish and a bit more collected.”

— Maggie Griffin

ABOVE: Art by Tennessee’s Emily Ozier, through Julie Wynne Jones Art Consulting.

LEFT: Art by Atlanta artist Sally King Benedict, through Julie Wynne Jones Art Consulting.

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