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Vivid Color ... and a View

DESIGN AS A MISSION

A photograph of an outdoor dining table set for a meal on a balcony overlooking a large body of water and distant mountains. The table is set with plates, glasses, and colorful napkins. A vase of tulips and two lit candles are on the table. An orange patio umbrella is visible at the top. The background shows a scenic view of a lake and mountains under a clear blue sky.

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*When Seattle-based designer Faith Sheridan tested the waters with these clients, she discovered they were “confident about color.” That unlocked some unexpected opportunities.*

When a Pittsburgh couple decided to start a second home in the Northwest, their prime goal was to create a warm, cozy retreat, even in the midst of Seattle’s stereotypical wet, gray climate. As soon as they started a color dialog with Faith Sheridan, owner and principal of the Faith Sheridan Design Group, they immediately decided that Benjamin Moore & Co.’s August Morning 2150-40 would direct the rest of the palette for their brand-new waterfront penthouse.

“They love color,” says Sheridan, and they had a wonderful collection of Kabuki prints, antique rugs and Aborigine art that all – in some way – contained the elements of August Morning. “It’s a really brave color,” she says, “but this couple is very confident about color, and August Morning was just really fresh.” Sheridan considers the selection a “lively yellow-orange with hints of sunshine” and explains that it really blends well with the other colors, especially the light lime greens and blues found both in the bedroom and throughout the signature outdoor space.



### Indoor Comfort

Both Sheridan and her clients were so confident in their choice that August Morning – applied using Benjamin Moore’s Aura® in a matte finish – coats even the ceilings in the main living and dining areas. “That color really has a wonderful feeling as soon as you get off the elevator (the penthouse is directly accessed from a private elevator), especially with the travertine floors,” Sheridan says. “And, as it came to spring and summer, we liked it just as much. It never went ‘over the top.’”

As Sheridan also discovered, the couple loves textiles, and all the fabrics have a relationship to the established color scheme. One of Sheridan’s favorites is the Favone upholstery from Donghia® on the dining room chairs. This beautiful jacquard fabric features a rustic, folk art motif.

For the bedrooms, Sheridan toned down the wall hues to create a calm atmosphere yet implemented rich colors into the bedding and draperies. Window treatments throughout were customized to maximize the waterfront views while mitigating the intense sun and ensuring privacy.



Benjamin Moore's *Agged Mowing* 354-80 paints the walls and ceilings of the main living area and kitchen of the Seattle penthouse, perfectly complementing the light limestone floors and dark granite countertops.





**Benjamin Moore® Colors at Seattle Penthouse**

August Mering 2156-40

Carver Taupe HC-85

Chili Pepper 2084-20

Rainie Taupe 300

Ashley Sand 2156-58

Stratton Blue HC-82

Precott Green HC-140

*“Benjamin® fabrics and fun, stable fabric planters from the Sea Glass add pops of color to this rooftop deck, which offers fabulous views of Lake Washington. Nature is celebrated from the ground up with this unique pattern on the deck decking. “It is a wonderful, sustainable product,” says Faith Sheridan. “It will last forever.”*



### Outdoor Convenience

For these homeowners, one of the biggest perks of securing the penthouse unit was the 900-square-foot rooftop deck, accessible from a kitchen stairway and offering views of Lake Washington and the mountains. Wanting to both enjoy it privately and do quite a bit of entertaining, their priorities were a prep area with refrigeration, a grill, covered seating, storage and minimal upkeep.

Sheridan answered the call with stylish yet functional furniture from Kingsley-Bate®, Sunbrella® fabrics, a Wolf® grill and a Sub-Zero® refrigeration unit. Texture starts from the ground up with no-maintenance ipe decking in a parquet pattern. And – with the request for plantings with “no-stress” – Sheridan worked with a landscaper who selected low-maintenance plantings appropriate to the intense light and built a watering system that runs under the decking and is on convenient timers.

While Sheridan blurs the lines between interior and exterior design – “Outdoor spaces have really become just an extension of how we live in our homes.” – she does admit there are extra elements to consider because of the climate. “You really have to think about the details,” she says. “What do you do with the cushions when it rains? Where do you store your umbrellas? How are you going to carry food and drinks?”

For this project, Sheridan was able to establish some storage on the deck for gearwars and beverages, but she and the homeowner still needed to acquire some large trays for carrying food from the kitchen. “We were almost thinking we needed a dumbwaiter,” Sheridan adds.

While that would have been a convenient upgrade, this penthouse suits this pair from Pittsburgh ... perfectly.

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