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LISA FINE



Textile designer Lisa Fine doesn't just bring her work home—she sleeps with it! Her Dallas bedroom is cocooned in one of her India-inspired fabrics.

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BARBARA KING: *Are you having a Scarlett O'Hara moment with that flirty little fan?*

LISA FINE: I need my fans in Dallas! It gets hot with all these big windows. I found this one in Cambodia, in my two favorite colors: pink and blue.

Which are liberally splashed on every surface. I use pinks and blues a lot in my textile designs, and I do like to combine them whenever I can.

Your room is a calling card for your textiles. And it's so boho-Indo chic. It's not very Dallas, but it's very me. My bed-

room isn't about fashion or decorating; it's about coziness and comfort.

The first time I went to France, every bedroom I saw was small and done in one all-over fabric. It sounds corny to say, but they were womb-like, and I've done all mine that way ever since.

You've also got homes in Paris and New York. And India is almost like a fourth home, it seems.

I do go there several times a year. That's where I get my inspiration.

Is that where you fell in love with brilliant colors? It refined my sense of

color, if anything, and taught me that bright isn't necessarily better. Indian colors are vibrant but not garish. They have a sort of antique, muddied look, very rich and jewel-like.

Have you always lived with color?

I once tried to live in a white apartment—it looked so clean and fresh and crisp. But I learned real quick it wasn't for me. After two months, I painted one room coral and another pink.

Do you ever sleep on colored sheets?

No, when it comes to

sheets, white is best. If I could have one luxury, it would be starched white linen sheets.

Is that what you have on your bed?

Are you kidding? All that ironing? Mine are soft Egyptian cotton that I bought in Cairo.

Talk about going straight to the source. You must have a whole collection of travel alarm clocks.

Not even one. I wake up naturally, and early.

Fully rested?

Usually. The key to a good night's sleep is a bottle of beer just before bed. Works like a charm.

MAKE THE BED...

Wall, headboard, and curtain fabric: Pasha in Indian Ocean, lisafinetextiles.com.

Custom-made headboard: Decour Décoration, Paris.

Bedspread: Jaisalmer Arts & Crafts, Jaipur.

Parsons Desk: westelm.com.

Original Frances Elkins Loop Chair: for similar see downtown20.net.

Art: sunitakumar.com.

Caftan: Irvingandfine.com.

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