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Tina Ramchandani Is the Rising Star Designer You Need to Know About Now

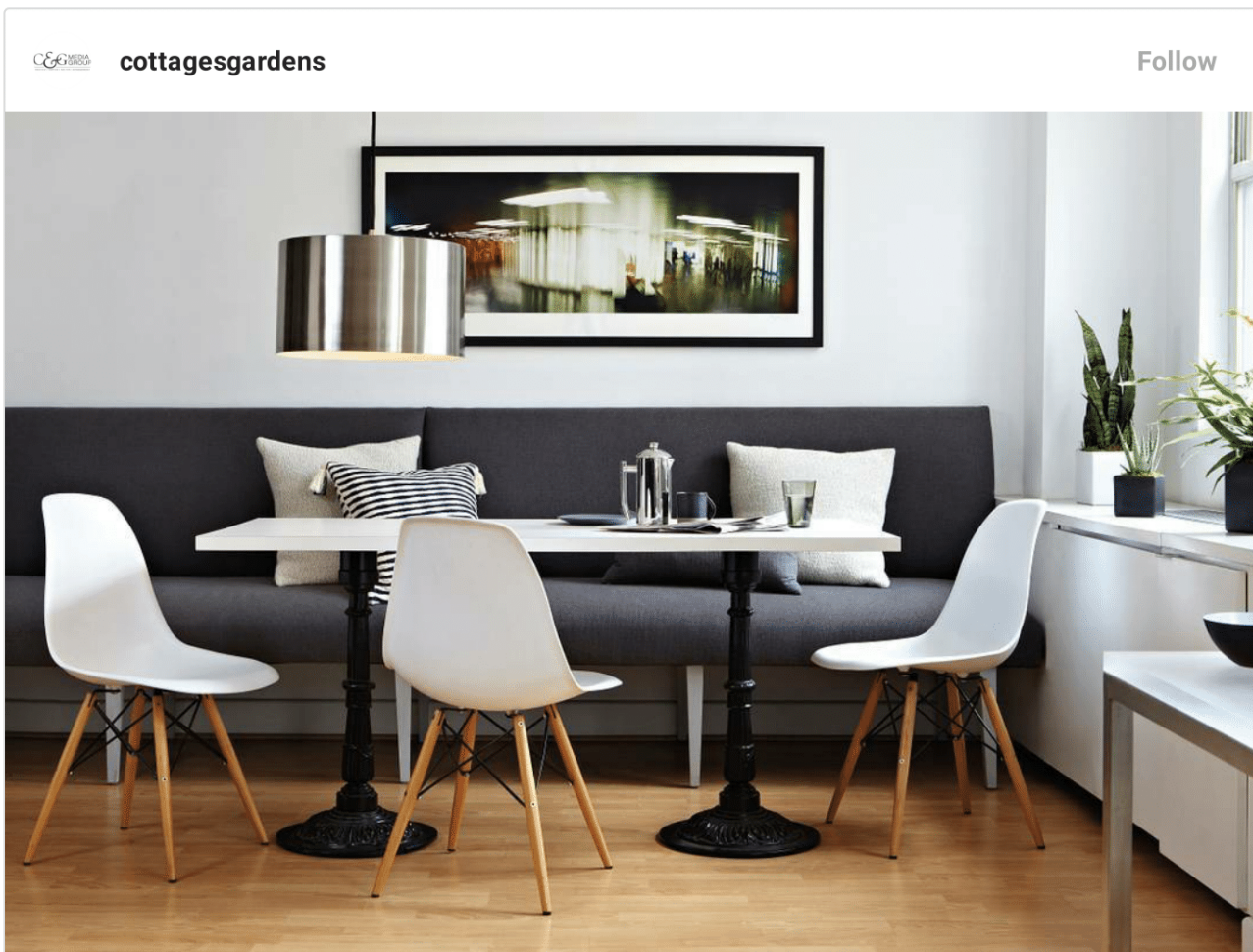
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Who: A native of New Jersey, Tina Ramchandani struggled from a young age to decide on a career path that would suit her. But when she was 19, she went to

Mumbai for a family wedding and was captivated by her hotel's decor. "I didn't even know what interior design was," she recounts, "but I was so inspired by what I saw."

What: Modern spaces featuring clean lines and a dark color palette saturated with grays, blacks, and blues. "There's no reason to be afraid of using black," says Ramchandani, whose affinity for the color stems from seeing it in abundance while visiting cities like Amsterdam, Paris, and Lisbon. "It pops so well against neutrals." The designer uses patterns with restraint, arguing that they "tend to go out of style, and I want to create spaces that are timeless."



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cottagesgardens Tell us, are you a fan of decorating with black? According to designer [@tinaramchandani](#), there's no reason to be afraid of going dark with your décor. "It pops so well against

neutrals," she says. | See more of her work in "Rising Star" on the back page of NYC&G's May/June issue!

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When: After studying at Rutgers University and ultimately graduating from the Art Institute of Philadelphia in 2005, Ramchandani pursued commercial design at the Manhattan firm [Frank & Marcotullio](#), then later joined [Vicente Wolf Associates](#), where she remained for five years before launching her namesake company in 2014.



Where: Ramchandani is currently working on an Upper West Side prewar residence, which features a large living room divided into two seating areas: one luxurious, with a navy velvet sofa and a brass-and-marble cocktail table, and the

other more practical, featuring a sectional covered in a nubby Perennials fabric and a concrete coffee table. She's also putting the finishing touches on a Tribeca apartment, while just getting started on a 5,400-square-foot New Jersey home for Manhattan transplants.

Why: "I want to make people feel as excited when they come home as I did when I walked into that hotel in India."

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